

PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT

Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 39, 48

Date: **APRIL 15, 2016**

File No: **550-01-03-07-010**
Permit No: **PRO8397-2016**

Permit Holder: **NSP Maritime Link Inc.**
9 Austin Street
St. John's NL A1B 4C1

Attention: **Mr. Dan Thompson**

Re: **St. George's - Dribble Brook PPWSA - Linear Development - NSP Maritime Link Inc.**

Permission is hereby given for : the installation of four (4) transmission towers as part of the HVdc Transmission Line Construction (Maritime Link) within the Dribble Brook PPWSA (back-up water supply for the town of St. George's) with reference to the application dated October 21, 2015.

- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Environment and Conservation under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.
- Failure to comply with the terms and conditions will render this Permit null and void, place the Permit Holder and their agent(s) in violation of the *Water Resources Act* and make the Permit Holder responsible for taking any remedial measures as may be prescribed by this Department.



MINISTER

APPENDIX A
Terms and Conditions for Permit

PPWSA General

1. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
2. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of the Department.
3. All persons working on this project must be informed that they are within a Protected Public Water Supply Area, and must be made aware of all conditions of this Permit. A copy of this Permit must be on site during operations.
4. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 8397 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
5. An undisturbed (no cutting or ground disturbance) buffer zone of at least 150 metres shall be maintained for a distance of 1 kilometre upstream of the intake and 100 metres downstream of the intake in Dribble Brook, at least 75 metres upstream for the remainder of Dribble Brook, at least 50 metres along both sides of all streams and main tributaries running into Dribble Brook, and at least 30 metres around all ponds and along both sides of all other water bodies. Activity or development within these buffer zones is prohibited. All buffer zones must be marked with signs or flagging tape to avoid encroachment into the buffer zones.
6. Equipment storage, maintenance facilities associated with this project, and all maintenance other than emergency repairs must not be located/carried out within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
7. All waste material is to be collected in refuse containers, and disposed of at an approved waste disposal site outside the Protected Public Water Supply Area in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002 cE-14.2.*
8. The Department reserves the right to require that the Permit Holder follow, and cover all costs incurred by the Permit Holder or this department, associated with any water quality monitoring program that may be ordered by the Minister for the purpose of ensuring that the water quality is maintained within acceptable guidelines.
9. Officials of the Department and the appropriate Municipal Authority, Operator, or Watershed Management Committee may visit the site to ensure compliance with this Permit.
10. Liaison is to be maintained with the appropriate Municipal Authority and Environmental Scientist. If there are any specific problems (ie sedimentation, fuel spill, other potential water quality impairment), the appropriate Town Manager/Clerk, must be notified immediately at (709)647-3283. The Environmental Scientist must also be notified immediately at (709)637-2542.
11. The felling or disposing of trees, parts of trees, sawdust, bark, logging debris or slash into a water body or upon the frozen surface of a water body is strictly prohibited.
12. Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and ATVs, shall not be used to cross the frozen surface of the intake body of water within the Protected Public Water Supply Area.
13. Treated wood shall not be used in a water body or within 30 metres of the high water mark of any water body. The use of creosote treated wood anywhere within the Protected Public Water Supply Area is strictly prohibited.
14. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.
15. This Permit is valid for one year from the date of issue.
16. Any changes in water quality resulting directly from this project, rendering the water unsuitable as a public water supply, are the responsibility of the Permit Holder. The Minister may order the Permit Holder to provide an alternate source of potable water to the affected community until water quality returns to an accepted level.
17. In addition to daily checks, a checkpoint is to be established at the 75 metre buffer where all equipment operators will do a circle

check for oil leaks and overall vehicle cleanliness every time they enter the area.

18. Ensure minimal ground disturbance when clearing for tower SB-053.
19. All vehicles and equipment must be in good working order with no leaking fuel or oil.
20. All stationary motorized equipment and fuel tanks shall have metal trays, absorbent pads or impervious liners under them to catch any leaking fuel or oil.
21. Drainage from roads and other disturbed areas into any body of water must first be discharged into a settling pond, a vegetated area or pass through a sedimentation fence where all suspended material can settle out before draining into any body of water.
22. Any streams not visible on a 1:50,000 scale map (including field identified streams) shall require a minimum buffer of 30 m.
23. For any clearing inside buffer zones: with the exception of SB-053 only, no ground disturbance (no disturbance to the root mat, no grubbing, or removal of soil) shall take place in the buffer zones. The Permit Holder is to ensure that the appropriate best practices are employed to prevent any detrimental effects that could impact water quality. Where possible, work in buffer zones shall be completed when the ground is frozen.

Fuel Storage

24. There shall be no bulk fuel storage associated with this project within the protected water supply area. Fuel shall be brought to the operating area in no more than two (2), 205 litre barrels or one (1) 500 litre slip tank. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland. The Permit Holder is hereby informed that fuel storage and handling requires a separate approval under the *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulations*, CNR 775/96.
25. A complete oil spill clean-up kit must be on site at all times when gasoline or fuel powered equipment is being used or refueled. The kit must contain the following:
 - -Fire pump and 100 metres of hose
 - -Two hand operated fuel pumps
 - -Six recovery containers such as empty 205 litre drums
 - -Four shovels
 - - Two pick axes
 - - Ten metres of containment boom
 - - Twenty-five absorbent pads
 - - One hundred litres of loose absorbent material
26. Contaminated snow and soil must be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved location outside the protected public water supply area, in accordance with the *Waste Material Disposal Act, RSN 1990 c.W-4*.
27. Any spills of gasoline, fuel or oil, regardless of volume, shall be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist and the appropriate Municipal Authority or Watershed Management Committee by calling 709-637-2542 and (709) 647-3283 respectively. Furthermore, all spills in excess of 70 litres shall be reported immediately to the 24 hour spill report line at (709) 722-2083 (call collect) or 1-800-563-9089.
28. Refueling sites shall be located at least 150 metres from any water body or wetland.

Protected Miscellaneous

29. The Permit Holder must inspect the site every day, and any water quality impairment related problems are to be reported immediately to the Environmental Scientist at (709) 637-2542 and the appropriate Municipal Authority at (709) 647-3283.
30. The Permit Holder is required to provide this Department with all documentation, information and data which may be requested or required in order to carry out the inspection or investigation.
31. Dead trees may be removed for fuel wood, or along with brush, be burned on site. Areas for burning shall be located outside any buffer zones. Living trees shall remain uncut.
32. Permits for burning operations must be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources.
33. Sawdust, bark, and logs must not be stored within 50 metres of any body of water, and must be removed at regular intervals to prevent excessive accumulation at the site.
34. Wood and brush removed from the work site must be piled at least 30 metres from the shoreline of any water body.

Power Lines

35. The use of creosote treated utility poles and/or anchor boxes is strictly prohibited.
36. Chromated copper arsenate (CCA), ammoniacal copper arsenate (ACA) or copper naphthanate (CuNap) treated utility poles and/or anchor boxes may be used outside the above-referenced buffer zones. Untreated poles must be used within the above-referenced buffer zones.
37. All poles and/or anchor boxes within 150 metres of Dribble Brook or within 30 metres of any water body must be of untreated wood, metal or concrete.
38. The **Policy Guidelines for Utility Poles in Water Supply Areas (WR 93-01)** must be strictly adhered to.

General Alterations

39. Any work that must be performed below the high water mark must be carried out during a period of low water levels.
40. Any flowing or standing water must be diverted around work sites so that work is carried out in the dry.
41. Water pumped from excavations or work areas, or any runoff or effluent directed out of work sites, must have silt and turbidity removed by settling ponds, filtration, or other suitable treatment before discharging to a body of water. Effluent discharged into receiving waters must comply with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*.
42. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
43. The use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.
44. All vehicles and equipment must be clean and in good repair, free of mud and oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
45. During the construction of concrete components, formwork must be properly constructed to prevent any fresh concrete from entering a body of water. Dumping of concrete or washing of tools and equipment in any body of water is prohibited.
46. Wood preservatives such as penta, CCA or other such chemicals must not be applied to timber near a body of water. All treated wood or timber must be thoroughly dry before being brought to any work site and installed.
47. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of the Department.
48. The bed, banks and floodplains of watercourses, or other vulnerable areas affected by this project, must be adequately protected from erosion by seeding, sodding or placing of rip-rap.
49. All waste materials resulting from this project must be disposed of at a site approved by the Department of Service NL.
50. Periodic maintenance such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, must be carried out without causing any physical disruption of any watercourse. Care must be taken to prevent spillage of pollutants into the water.
51. The owners of structures are responsible for any environmental damage resulting from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, ice action, or structural failure.
52. Sediment and erosion control measures must be installed before starting work. All control measures must be inspected regularly and any necessary repairs made if damage is discovered.
53. Fill material must be of good quality, free of fines or other substances including metals, organics, or chemicals that may be harmful to the receiving waters.

APPENDIX B
Special Terms and Conditions for Permit

1. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall keep all systems and works in good condition and repair and in accordance with all laws, by-laws, directions, rules and regulations of any governmental authority. The Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may threaten the structural stability of the systems and works, endanger public safety and/or the environment or adversely affect others and/or any body of water either in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for all damages suffered by the Minister and Government resulting from any defect in the systems and works, operational deficiencies/inadequacies, or structural failure.
2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit and/or Ministerial orders and guidelines, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, after providing ten (10) day notice to the Permit Holder, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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Appendix C - Completion Report

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I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Environment and Conservation and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

Department of Environment and Conservation
Water Resources Management Division
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