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SEPA Distribution List
SEP2014-00084
Date of Issuance: March 20, 2015

Please review this determination. If you have further comments, questions or would like a copy of the SEPA checklist, phone the responsible official at (360) 676-6907. Please submit your response by the comment date noted on the attached notice of determination.

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SEPA Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS)

File: SEP2014-00084

Project Description:

Altagas Facilities Inc. applied for a land disturbance permit (LDP2014-00050) for maintenance excavation of an existing tank containment area and existing laydown area. Altagas has excavated more material than anticipated and approved in the original land disturbance permit, and has applied for a revision to LDP2014-00050 to allow greater quantities of fill and grade.

This project has already occurred, and Altagas Facilities is providing revised information retroactively. The work includes maintenance excavation of an existing tank containment area (approximately 650 cubic yards), excavation for construction of 1 small concrete slab foundation and approximately 20 temporary sonotube foundations (approximately 200 cubic yards), and grubbing for laydown area site preparation (approximately 90 cubic yards). Work also includes placement of gravel fill for maintenance and expansion of an existing laydown area in the south half of the facility (approximately 324 cubic yards), minor surface grading of a second existing laydown area, and on-site placement of excavated materials (approximately 830 cubic yards) in the northeast quarter of the facility. Total excavation and fill was approximately 2,094 cubic yards (up from 414 cubic yards previously approved).

Temporary wetland buffer impacts have occurred in the northeast portion of the site as part of the fill activities. Buffer impacts have been mitigated by grading to natural contours and restoring the area to previous conditions by reseeding the area with grass seed. There are no long term impacts to wetlands or buffers.

Proponent: Alta Gas Additional Laydown

Address and Parcel #: 4100 Unick Road APN#: 3901294280460000

Lead Agency: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services

Zoning: HII **Comp Plan:** Major/Port Industrial UGA **Shoreline Jurisdiction:** N/A

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that with proper mitigation, no significant adverse environmental impacts are likely. Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required. This decision was made following review of a completed SEPA environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS.

Pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2), the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issuance indicated below. Comments must be received by April 3, 2015 and should be sent to: Amy Dearborn, adearbor@whatcomcounty.us

Responsible Official: Wayne Fitch, wfitch@whatcomcounty.us

Title: Natural Resource Supervisor

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Address: 5280 Northwest Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226

Date of Issuance: March 20, 2015

Signature: 

An aggrieved agency or person may appeal this determination to the Whatcom County Hearing Examiner. Application for appeal must be filed on a form provided by and submitted to the Whatcom County Current Planning Division located at 5280 Northwest Drive, Bellingham, WA 98226, during the ten days following the comment period, concluding April 14, 2015.

You should be prepared to make a specific factual objection. Contact Whatcom County Current Planning Division for information about the procedures for SEPA appeals.

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Legal Notice

To be published one time only on: **March 20, 2015**

CHARGE TO: Whatcom County Planning & Development Services
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WHATCOM COUNTY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE THAT THE FOLLOWING SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE (DNS) HAS BEEN ISSUED TODAY SUBJECT TO THE 14 DAY COMMENT PERIOD CONCLUDING ON, April 3, 2015.

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ANY PERSON OR AGENCY MAY APPEAL THE COUNTY'S COMPLIANCE WITH WAC 197-11 BY FILING AN APPEAL WITH THE WHATCOM COUNTY CURRENT PLANNING DIVISION LOCATED AT 5280 NORTHWEST DRIVE, BELLINGHAM, WA 98226. APPEALS MUST BE MADE WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE COMMENT PERIOD.

SEP 2014 - 00084

EVALUATION FOR
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SEPA Environmental Checklist

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Ferndale Storage Terminal
T1 Maintenance Grading Activities
2. Name of applicant: AltaGas Facilities (U.S.) Inc.
Applicant phone number: (360) 384-1701
Applicant address: 4100 Unick Road
Ferndale, WA 98248
3. Contact name: Bob McCoy
Contact phone number: (360) 3384-1701 x1035
Contact address: 4100 Unick Road
Ferndale, WA 98248
4. Date checklist prepared: October 14, 2014
5. Agency requesting checklist: Whatcom County

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6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

Project work is expected to be complete in Fall 2014.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

There are no future additions, expansions or activities related to the proposed grading activities at this time.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

A Whatcom County Land Disturbance Permit (LDP2014-00050) was issued for 414 cubic yards of grading associated with the T1 maintenance project.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

There are no pending or anticipated approvals associated with the project site other than those cited in question 10 below.

10. List any governmental approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Revised Whatcom County Land Disturbance Permit LDP2014-00050.

11. Give a brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on

this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

T1 Maintenance Grading Activities will consist of previously permitted work including maintenance and expansion of an existing gravel laydown area in the south half of the facility, and grubbing for site preparation. Additional grading activities will include maintenance of the existing T1 secondary containment area, excavation for a utility trench and construction of small concrete foundations for equipment / piping installation, and placement of excavated materials in the northeast quarter of the facility. Total grading activities associated with the maintenance work will exceed 500 cubic yards.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The project site is situated within the existing Petrogas Ferndale Storage Terminal at 4100 Unick Road, Ferndale, WA 98249. It is located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 29, Township 39, Range 1 East, W.M.; Whatcom County Assessor parcel number 390129-428046.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (check one):

- Flat
 Rolling
 Hilly
 Steep Slopes
 Mountainous
 Other

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

The steepest slope within the proposed grading areas is approximately 5 to 8 % in the northeast quarter of the facility.

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

The USDA NRCS *Soil Survey of Whatcom County Area, Washington* indicates that soils within the project site are classified as Urban Land (unit No. 171). The surrounding area is predominantly Whitehorn silt loam (unit No. 184) and Birch Bay silt loam (unit No. 13) to the northeast. No prime farmland exists on site.

- d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

There are no surface indications or history of unstable soils within the project areas. Marine feeder bluffs are located over 200-feet west of the project site.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Work will include excavation of an existing tank containment area (~650 CY), excavation for construction of 1 small concrete slab foundation and approximately 20 temporary sonotube foundations (~200 CY), and grubbing for laydown area site preparation (~90 CY). Total excavation will be approximately 940 CY. Excavated materials that require removal from the facility (~20 CY) will be exported to an approved disposal facility. Remaining excavated materials will be re-used on site.

Work will also include placement of gravel fill for maintenance and expansion of an existing laydown area in the south half of the facility (~324 CY), as well as on-site placement of excavated materials (~830 CY) in the northeast quarter of the facility. Total fill / backfill will be approximately 1,154 CY. Imported fill material will be a clean standard structural fill mix that will be obtained from an approved local supplier.

Grading activities are proposed on approximately 0.9 acre of the facility.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Some sedimentation could occur during grading activities. This potential will be addressed through application of best management practices (BMPs).

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

Project work includes maintenance and expansion of an existing gravel laydown area. The expansion will increase the laydown area by 4,872 square feet (0.11 ac). Upon completion, the total impervious surface area on the property will be approximately 46 %.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

To the extent practicable, grading will be conducted using excavation means that minimize potential erosion and sedimentation (e.g., hydrovac excavation of sonotube foundations). BMPs such as silt fences, hydroseeding, and/or other applicable measures will be implemented to prevent and control erosion.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial, wood smoke) during construction, operation and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

There is potential for some dust to be temporarily generated during grading activities. Contractors will implement BMPs to minimize dust emissions, as applicable. Such measures may include watering

during dry weather, reducing vehicle speeds, cleaning vehicle undercarriages before exiting to prevent track-out of mud or dirt onto paved public roadways, and taking other measures to minimize airborne dust.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

The proposed project is located in an existing industrial area and will not be affected by off-site sources of emissions or odors.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

As described previously, BMPs will be implemented as applicable to avoid or minimize potential temporary impact associated with dust.

3. **Water**

- a. Surface Water:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

A spill containment pond and constructed ditches are present within the facility. However, there are no known surface waters in or in the immediate vicinity of the project areas.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) of the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

Work will occur within 200 feet of existing on-site ditches, but activities are not proposed in proximity to known regulated surface waters.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

Not applicable. No fill or dredge activities are proposed.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

The proposal does not include surface water withdrawals or diversions.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

The proposal does not include discharge of waste materials to surface waters.

b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

The proposal does not include withdrawal of groundwater nor does it propose discharge of water to groundwater.

- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Not applicable. The project does not include discharge of waste materials into the ground.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Stormwater runoff from the project areas will continue to follow existing site drainage pathways. Surface water that does not infiltrate on-site or flow to the containment pond will continue to flow to existing on-site ditches which flow to a County ditch on the north side of Unick Road. The County ditch ultimately flows west and discharges to the Strait of Georgia.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

It is not anticipated that waste materials would enter ground or surface waters as a result of the work. However, spill kits with absorbent materials are available on site to address small spills if they occur.

- 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

No new on-site stormwater management measures are proposed. However, BMPs will be implemented to reduce potential construction-related impacts and ensure compliance with applicable stormwater requirements. Surface water runoff from the site will continue to be monitored for compliance with the facility's NPDES Industrial Stormwater General Permit requirements and parameters.

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- Deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

- Evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- Shrubs
- Grass
- Pasture
- Crop or grain
- Orchards, vineyards or other permanent crops.
- Wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- Water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- Other types of vegetation:

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

Approximately 5,000 square feet of grass (lawn area) will be removed for expansion of the existing laydown area. Installation of the sonotube foundations will be temporary. Upon removal, the existing vegetation will reestablish.

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

No threatened or endangered plant species are known to be located within or near the proposed grading areas.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

No landscaping is proposed. Where feasible, hydroseeding will be implemented for soil stabilization.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

There are no known noxious weeds or invasive plant species within the project site.

5. Animals

a. Check any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include:

Birds:

- Hawk, Heron,
- Eagle, Songbirds,
- Other: Shorebirds

Mammals:

- Deer, Bear,
- Elk, Beaver,
- Other:

Fish:

- Bass, Salmon,
- Trout, Herring,

Shellfish, Other:

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

No threatened or endangered species are known to be present in the vicinity of the proposed grading areas.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

All lands in the Whatcom County lowlands are within the Pacific Migratory Flyway, which is a flight corridor for waterfowl and other avian fauna migration. The Pacific Flyway extends from Alaska to Mexico and South America.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None. No wildlife or wildlife habitat impacts are anticipated as a result of this project.

- e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

No invasive animal species are known to be on or near the project site.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

No new energy sources will be required upon project completion.

- b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

No.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

None. No energy impacts are anticipated as a result of the completed project.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

None anticipated.

- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

There is no known contamination within the proposed grading areas.

- 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

There are no known environmental health hazards that would affect project grading activities.

- 3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

The proposed grading activities do not require storage, use or production of toxic or hazardous chemicals.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required?

It is not anticipated that grading work would require any special emergency services. Existing emergency services will continue to serve the site.

- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None. No environmental health hazards are expected to be generated by the proposed activities.

b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

None.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Typical construction noise will occur on a temporary basis during grading activities, but the completed project work will not result in increased noise levels.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

Project noise is expected to occur during daylight hours and will be temporary. The facility will continue to comply with applicable noise regulations.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

Adjacent properties include Alcoa Intalco Works, the Phillips 66 Refinery and other undeveloped heavy impact industrial (HII) properties. Project work is located within the existing Terminal facility and is situated over 1 mile from non-industrial properties. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the project would affect current land uses on adjacent properties.

- b. Has the site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

Not applicable.

- 1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tiling, and harvesting? If so, how:

The project consists of industrial facility activities that would not be adversely affected by agricultural or forestry operations.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

Structures on the subject property include office and operations buildings, storage tanks, associated infrastructure, etc. Structures in the immediate vicinity of proposed grading areas include a 350,000 bbl butane tank (T1), piping, and equipment. (See site map.)

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

Heavy Impact Industrial (HII)

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Major Industrial Area / Port Industrial Urban Growth Area (UGA)

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

Not applicable.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

No portion of the project area has been identified as a known environmentally sensitive area.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

The completed project will not require additional personnel.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

The completed project will not displace existing personnel.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The Cherry Point Major Port/Industrial Urban Growth Area (UGA) has been long recognized as being both locally and regionally important for siting major industrial development. As demonstrated in the 1970 Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan, 1979 Cherry Point-Ferndale Subarea Plan and the current County-wide Comprehensive Plan, the Cherry Point area has been designated and planned for large-scale industrial use and development by Whatcom County for over 40 years.

In keeping with existing and projected land use plans, maintenance and enhancement of existing industrial operations will be consistent with the Heavy Impact Industrial (HII) zoning and Industrial UGA Comprehensive Plan designation of the subject area.

- m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

Not applicable. Whatcom County has not designated any agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance within the greater Cherry Point area.

9. **Housing**

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

Not applicable.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

10. **Aesthetics**

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

No new buildings are proposed.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

No additional lighting is proposed as a part of this project.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

The completed project will not result in increased or altered light or glare from the existing facility.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

Not applicable.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

None. The project work is located within the existing perimeter of the Terminal. There are no recreational opportunities in the immediate area.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

Not applicable.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe.

None are known to be on or near the project site.

- b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.

None are known to be on or near the project site.

- c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

The Washington Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's on-line Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) was accessed in September 2014. No record of historic register properties was identified within Township 39, Range 1 east, Section 29.

- d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Project work will occur in areas that are currently developed and/or consist of previously disturbed soils. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the proposed grading activities would impact historic and/or cultural resources.

14. **Transportation**

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on-site plans, if any.

The subject property is accessed via Unick Road. No changes are proposed to existing site access or existing roads.

- b. Is site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The closest transit stop is approximately 4 miles to the east, in the City of Ferndale.

- c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate?

Not applicable. The completed project will not change current parking demand or facilities.

- d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No. Not applicable.

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

The subject property is adjacent to an existing BNSF rail line and has access to an existing marine shipping pier. However, project work will not occur in the immediate vicinity, or require use, of rail or shipping facilities.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?

The completed project will not generate additional vehicle trips.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

The completed project will not affect nor be affected by the movement of agricultural or forest products on roads in the area.

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None proposed.

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

The proposed grading activities do not require additional public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

Not applicable.

16. Utilities

- a. Check utilities currently available at the site:

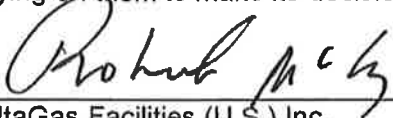
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone, | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary sewer, |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic system, | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Internet. |

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

No new utilities are required for grading completion.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: 
AltaGas Facilities (U.S.) Inc.

Name of signee: Robert M. Coy

Position and Agency/Organization: PROJECT COORDINATOR

Date Submitted: 10/17/2014

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CUSTOMER RECEIPT

Receipt: 220090000000007683

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Description	Amount
LDP2014-00050	
Grading permit app	267.50
SEP2014-00084	
SEPA checklist review (B)	370.00
Legal Notice	100.00
Records archiving	25.00
Total:	\$ 762.50

Check # 147638 Paid \$ 762.50

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Thank you!