



**PRICE GREGORY**

Oct. 28, 2008

LAKE COMMISSION for LAKE CLAIBORNE

RE: WATER USE PROPOSAL

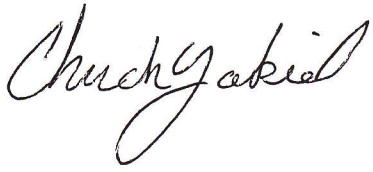
Price Gregory International is presently constructing a natural pipeline for Gulf Crossing Pipeline Company LLC, in the Homer area. Approximately 21 million gallons of water will be needed to pressure test a portion of the pipeline. The estimated time frame for the water usage will be from mid November to mid December.

The water will be pumped from a backwater stream that crosses the pipeline ROW north of Hwy-2 near the parking lot for the boat ramp east of Homer. A pump with a screened suction hose will be set near the banks of the backwater and will intermittently pump water from the stream at about 1500-1800 gallons/minute into the pipeline. Theoretically, the anticipated volume will draw down a 6,400 acre lake about 3/16" if no additional flow was entering the lake at the time water was being pumped out. Since the line will be pressure tested in sections, the total volume of water will be drawn from the lake over a period of about one month.

After the line has been tested, the water will be drained from the pipeline at a number of locations one of which will be near the vicinity of the fill site. The water will be filtered through a dewatering structure consisting of hay bales and geo-tech fabric that will be located in a well vegetated area so that no erosion occurs. The pipe is new so there is no threat of the water being contaminated with any hazardous substances. To insure this, the state environmental regulatory agencies require water samples be taken prior to dewatering the line. During construction, dust from the ROW inadvertently gets in the pipe. Consequently, though the vast majority of the water will be as clean as the water taken from the lake, a small amount of water near the end of the dewatering cycle will be discolored by the accumulated dust. The line typically will be dewatered at 2000-2500 gpm.

In closing, the pressure testing of a pipeline is a very important function. It essentially guarantees the strength and integrity of the system. Due to the size and length of the pipeline and the resultant volume of water required, no other water source in the area is available. Therefore, I ask that the Commission please give the proposal serious consideration. If you need additional information, please give me a call. Maps showing the location of the fill and dewatering sites have been included to assist in understanding the nature of the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Yokiell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Chuck Yokiell, P.E.

Project Engineer

Price Gregory International

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**Alice Stewart**

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**Sent:** Friday, December 05, 2008 7:52 AM  
**Attach:** ASSURANCE WATER USE-DISCHARGE IN CLAIBORNE PARISH.pdf  
**Subject:** Assurance-large volume water use & discharge in Claiborne Parish

To Gary Holman

Midcontinent Express Pipeline, LLC Field Office

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Mr. Holman,

In October, 2007, the Claiborne Parish Watershed District Commission issued your office a letter of non-objection to a proposed pipeline project by Midcontinent Express Pipeline, LLC.

Yesterday, you called to inform the commission of a proposal of Midcontinent Express Pipeline Company to withdraw a large volume of water (7.2 million gallons total, I believe you said) from a tributary to Lake Claiborne and then to discharge the water in the parish. You said that you have received permission of the owner of the property involved and you asked what information the Watershed District Commission needs to assure that the public interest is protected.

To assure that the public interest is protected with respect to your proposed water use & discharge in Claiborne Parish, we request that you provide the information indicated on the form attached. We will contact you after receiving this information.

Thank you.

Alice Stewart

Secretary, Claiborne Parish Watershed District

LARGE VOLUME WATER USE AND/OR DISCHARGE IN CLAIBORNE PARISH  
ASSURANCE

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

To: Claiborne Parish Watershed District, P. O. Box 266, Homer, LA 71040 (318) 927-5161

From: \_\_\_\_\_ (include full address)

**Construction company name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Construction project:** \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. constructing a natural gas pipeline)

**Pipeline company name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location(s) of water body in Claiborne Parish from which water will be pumped:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Reason for selecting this water source:** \_\_\_\_\_

[e.g. Due to the size and length of the pipeline and the resultant volume of water required.... (continue)]

**Estimated total gallons of water to be pumped** \_\_\_\_\_

**Purpose:** \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 'To pressure test a portion of the pipeline to guarantee the strength and integrity of the system.' )

**Estimated time frame for the water usage:** From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tributary to Lake Claiborne?** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Anticipated drawdown of Lake Claiborne if the entire process is completed in a time period when no additional flow of water enters the lake:** \_\_\_\_\_. (Lake Claiborne is a 6400 acre lake, therefore, withdrawing 174 million gallons of water would draw down the lake approx. one inch).

**Process:** \_\_\_\_\_

(e.g. 'A pump with a screened suction hose will be set near the banks of the stream and will intermittently pump water from the stream at about \_\_\_\_\_ gallons/minute into the pipeline. After the line has been tested, the water will be drained from the pipeline at a number of locations. The line typically will be dewatered at \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per minute.)

**Environmental protections:**

**Re: erosion:** \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. The water will be filtered through a dewatering structure consisting of hay bales and geo-tech fabric that will be located in a well vegetated area so that no erosion occurs.)

**Re: pollution:** \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. The pipe is new so there is no threat of the water being contaminated with any hazardous substances. To insure this, the state environmental regulatory agencies require water samples be taken prior to dewatering the line. During construction, dust from the ROW inadvertently gets in the pipe. Consequently, though the vast majority of the water will be as clean as the water taken from the lake, a small amount of water near the end of the dewatering cycle will be discolored by the accumulated dust.)

**Attachment(s):** Please include maps showing the location of the fill and dewatering sites.

**Contact Information:** For additional information regarding this proposal, please contact:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name) at \_\_\_\_\_ (phone number and email address).