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Various Counties
Statewide
Categorical Exclusion of Activities,
Boardwalk Pipeline Partners
FERC
SHPO Log #020113010

March 24, 2026

Kelsey Gocke
Boardwalk Pipelines, LP
9 Greenway Plaza #2800
Houston, TX 77046

We have reviewed the documentation submitted for the referenced project in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800.4. We have no objection to the categorically excluded activities as outlined in your submission.

Please retain this letter in your files as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. This clearance remains in effect for 2026, after which we will revisit a multi-year agreement. It does not pertain to any discovery during construction, nor is it a clearance for purposes of the Illinois Human Remains Protection Act (20 ILCS 3440).

If you have any further questions, please call 217/782-4836.

Sincerely,

Carey L. Mayer, AIA
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer



December 2, 2025

Ms. Natalie Phelps Finnie
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
State Historic Preservation Office
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702

Re: Renewal Request for “Blanket Environmental Clearances” Effective for Calendar Years 2026 - 2030 (January-December)

Dear Ms. Finnie,

Boardwalk Pipelines, LP (Boardwalk), through its subsidiaries, Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas); Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC (Gulf South); and Boardwalk Storage Company, LLC (BSC) are interstate natural gas pipeline companies regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Boardwalk Louisiana Midstream, LLC (BLM); Boardwalk Petrochemical Pipeline, LLC (BPP); Boardwalk Field Services, LLC (BFS); Boardwalk Texas Intrastate, LLC (BTI); Boardwalk Louisiana Gas Transmission, LLC (BLGT); and Boardwalk Ethane Pipeline Company, LLC (BEP) are midstream pipeline companies regulated by their respective state agencies. These companies routinely perform pipeline related activities throughout the year authorized under 18 CFR § 2.55 and blanket activities authorized under 18 CFR § 157. At this time, only Texas Gas has pipeline assets within your area of jurisdiction. In accordance with both Federal and State regulations, Boardwalk routinely requests determinations from your office concerning minor blanket projects requiring minimal or no excavation within existing pipeline easements, or within established facilities.

Boardwalk is submitting its List of Minor Activities to be conducted under this Blanket Environmental Clearance as **Attachment A**. Boardwalk respectfully requests that you review and approve our List of Minor Activities and agree to waive “prior review” by granting “automatic approval” or “categorical exclusion or exemption” for these listed activities. Attached for your reference is a copy of the 2020-2025 Blanket Agreement between your office and Boardwalk (**Attachment B**).

The FERC specifically requires regulated companies to report on a calendar year basis. Boardwalk respectfully requests this determination to be effective for the calendar years 2026 - 2030 (January - December).

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Dept. of Natural Resources
Office of Realty & Capital Planning



Boardwalk appreciates your time and assistance in reviewing the list of Minor Activities and approval of our request for Blanket Environmental Clearances. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (713) 479-8080 or Kelsey.Gocke@bwpipelines.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelsey Gocke".

Kelsey Gocke
Supervisor, Environmental Permitting
Boardwalk Pipelines, LP

Enclosures: Attachment A – List of Minor Activities
Attachment B – 2020-2025 Blanket Clearance Letter

cc: Cale LeBlanc – Boardwalk Pipelines, LP
Rain Mosis – Boardwalk Pipelines, LP
Madison Foster – Boardwalk Pipelines, LP

Attachment A

List of Minor Activities



CATEGORY 1—AUXILIARY FACILITIES

Auxiliary facilities are those installations that are merely appurtenant to a pipeline system and provide more efficient or more economical operation of the pipeline system. Auxiliary facilities will be installed on an existing pipeline system or within an established facility in ground disturbed by previous activities and located in areas cleared in the past for cultural resources through previous Section 106 consultation. Earth disturbance, usually excavation of a bell hole or creation of a pad-site, will be limited to a small area that corresponds to the size and scope of the facility to be installed or replaced.

Examples of auxiliary installations are: valves; drips; pig launchers and receivers; yard and station piping; cathodic protection equipment; gas cleaning, cooling, and dehydration equipment; residual refining equipment; water pumping, treatment, and cooling equipment; electrical and communication equipment; and buildings.

CATEGORY 2—MISCELLANEOUS REARRANGEMENTS

Miscellaneous rearrangements refer to a physical rearrangement of facilities that does not result in any change of service rendered by means of the facilities involved. Miscellaneous rearrangements occur on existing pipeline systems and are performed when required in response to highway construction, dam construction, and encroachment of residential, commercial, or industrial areas, erosion, or other natural forces beyond the pipelines control when necessary to ensure safety or maintain the operational integrity of the facilities. Miscellaneous rearrangements will be constructed within ground disturbed by previous activities and located in areas cleared in the past for cultural resources through previous Section 106 consultation. Earth disturbance, usually a bell hole or trench, will be limited to the linear area that corresponds to the size and scope of the facility to be rearranged.

Examples of miscellaneous rearrangements include: repair, deepening, or relocation of road crossings; repair, deepening, or replacement of levee crossings; relocations for relief from encroachment; and erosion repair, including deepening and relocation.

CATEGORY 3—REPLACEMENTS

Replacements are those activities that replace existing pipeline facilities that have or will soon become physically deteriorated or obsolete. Replacements involve the removal or abandonment in place of an existing facility and the installation of a like facility in its place. Replacements will be constructed within ground disturbed by previous activities and located in areas cleared in the past for cultural resources through previous Section 106 consultation. Earth disturbance, usually

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a pad-site, bell hole or trench, will be limited to the area that corresponds to the size and scope of the facility to be replaced.

Examples of replacements include: pipeline segments; meters and stations; regulators; valves; drips; pig launchers and receivers; and yard and station piping.

CATEGORY 4—PIPELINES AND METERING AND REGULATING STATIONS

These activities involve the construction of new small diameter pipelines, metering and regulating stations, or interconnecting points with other pipelines. Specifically, metering and regulating stations may include a tap, the metering equipment, regulating equipment, interconnecting pipeline, and appurtenant facilities such as heaters, conditioning equipment, treatment, odorization, and similar equipment. Pipeline and stations will be constructed within ground disturbed by previous activities and located in areas cleared in the past for cultural resources through previous Section 106 consultation. Earth disturbance, usually a bell hole or trench, will be limited to the linear area that corresponds to the size and scope of the facility to be installed.

CATEGORY 5—ABANDONMENTS

These activities involve the removal from service and abandonment of existing facilities such as small diameter pipelines, metering and regulating stations, or interconnecting points with other pipelines. Upon receipt of all necessary federal and state authority approvals, pipelines may abandon certain facilities in place or by removal. The amount of earth disturbance varies depending on the activity but will be conducted utilizing the pipeline easement or within an established facility and located in areas cleared in the past for cultural resources through previous Section 106 consultation. For example, ground disturbing activities may include excavating a bell-hole to capping a pipeline and abandoning it in place after it has been disconnected from all sources of hydrocarbons and all aboveground facilities have been removed (e.g. meter stations, risers, etc.).

CATEGORY 6—MAINTENANCE

Maintenance includes operating and maintenance activities relative to existing pipeline facilities. These types of activities often involve normal operation of the pipeline coordinated with the Department of Transportation (DOT). Maintenance will occur within ground disturbed by previous activities and located in areas cleared in the past for cultural resources through previous Section 106 consultation. Earth disturbance, usually a bell hole, will be limited to the area that corresponds to the size and scope of the activity. However, many activities are often performed without any ground disturbance.

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Maintenance activities include: basic inspections (e.g. coating and casing inspections, test lead installation); hydrotesting; in-line inspections; direct assessment of the pipeline; pigging activities; controlling corrosion; starting up and shutting down any part of the pipeline to assure operational integrity or operations within the MAOP limits; maintaining compressor stations; starting, operating, and shutting down compressor units.

CATEGORY 7—ACCESS TO MINOR ACTIVITIES SITES AND STAGING AREAS

Access and staging to the areas of work delineated in Categories 1 through 6 will be by:

- a) existing roads and access including, but not limited to, commonly used two track trail roads with no widening of the roads allowed; however, occasional maintenance (e.g., minimal grading) or improvement by adding gravel may be required; or
- b) existing disturbed land such as cultivated farmland or pasture with disturbance limited to extent of existing land use.



Attachment B

2020-2025 Blanket Agreement Letter



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December 6, 2019

Mr. Bob Appleman
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
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One Old State Capitol Plaza
Springfield, Illinois 62701

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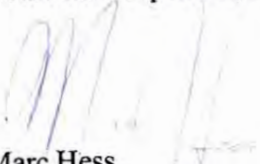




Mr. Bob Appleman
December 6, 2019
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Sincerely,
Boardwalk Pipelines, LP



Marc Hess
Environmental Specialist

CONCUR

By: Robert Appleman
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 1/6/2020

Enclosures: Attachment A – List of Minor Activities
Attachment B – 2019 Blanket Clearance Letter

cc: Cale LeBlanc – Boardwalk

