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Pipeline Permitting

Special Use / Building Permit Pipeline (SU/BPP)

Levels of Review for Pipeline Special Use Building Permit (SU/BPP)

This table is provided as a quick reference. The complete text of Article 9, Oil and Gas Regulations, of the Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations, is on the County web site. at rbc.us SUBP for Pipelines is attached to this packet.

Diameter		Length	Review Process
N/A		up to 2000 feet connecting wells to collection system(s)	May be included in the Well Pad SU/BP if permitted at the same time as the well pad.
12" or less	and	no longer than 5 miles	Reviewed administratively by staff. A written notice will be provided to the Applicant.
13" to 20"	and / or	more than 5 miles and less than 10 miles	Review by the Planning Staff. At a public hearing, after proper notice the Board of County Commissioners will approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based upon compliance with applicable standards.
greater than 20"	and / or	greater than 10 miles	Public hearings after proper notice before the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation, and the Board of County Commissioners will approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based upon compliance with applicable standards.



Permit Number PIPELINE SU/BP _____

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Application Packet For Pipeline Special Use/Building Permit

This application serves as an all-in-one form and check-list for a Special Use/Building Permit for pipeline projects, including construction, operation, and reclamation phases (not applicable to agricultural irrigation pipelines). One application may be used for multiple lines within a specific area. Please submit the required information a minimum of 30 days before the anticipated start of pipeline construction. No work, including access road construction may proceed before this permit is approved and issued.

Company Information

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

E-mail _____

Planning Division	970-878-9450
Building Division	970-878-9450
Road and Bridge	970-878-9590

Pipeline Information

(If more than one surface land owner, please attach a list)

Line 1

Line Name _____ Product transported _____

Size _____ Pipe Material _____

Approximate Length _____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Surface Land Owner _____

Line 2

Line Name_____ Product transported_____

Size_____ Pipe Material_____

Approximate Length_____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township_____ Range_____

Latitude_____ Longitude_____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township_____ Range_____

Latitude_____ Longitude_____

Surface Land Owner _____

Line 3

Line Name_____ Product transported_____

Size_____ Pipe Material_____

Approximate Length_____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township_____ Range_____

Latitude_____ Longitude_____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township_____ Range_____

Latitude_____ Longitude_____

Surface Land Owner _____

Line 4

Line Name_____ Product transported_____

Size_____ Pipe Material_____

Approximate Length_____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township_____ Range_____

Latitude_____ Longitude_____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township_____ Range_____

Latitude_____ Longitude_____

Surface Land Owner _____

If additional lines are being permitted, please attach the information sheets from Appendix 3.

Required Pipeline Information and Documents

Legal description/ proof of ownership/ authority:

☐ If owner is other than applicant, letter of consent conveying authority to act on behalf of the owner and/or a copy of signed contract with owner, if applicable.

☐ If on public lands, documentation giving proof of legal authority to use the ROW.

☐ Vicinity Map - a hardcopy and digital copy showing the relationship of the pipeline to surrounding properties, roads, current surface ownership and other developments on a USGS 7.5 minute series quad.

☐ Documentation of Notice and Consultation with surface owner under COGCC Rules 305 and 306

☐ Application narrative – See Rio Blanco County Web Site for Outline

☐ ROW-Location Plan hardcopy and digital copy. This plan should show the following features as they apply to the site:

☐ Presence of wetlands. If Yes, include on site map.

☐ Is a Corps of Engineers Permit Required No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, attach permit.

☐ Presence of floodplain.

☐ Is this ROW within the FEMA mapped 100 year floodplain? No ☐ Yes ☐

If Yes, Floodplain Permit # _____

Emergency Information

☐ Emergency Response Map- showing detailed road access and mileage to the site from public roads including gate information with lock combinations.

☐ Emergency Response Information – Must provide name, address, and phone number, including 24 hour number of at least 2 persons responsible for emergency field operations.

1. Name _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

2. Name _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Road Access Information Dependent on site access requirements, access permits may be required.

Utilities that enter a road right of way must have a Utilities Installation Permit. Access and Utilities Installation permits, as to County roads, are issued by the Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department. The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) issues permits relative to state highways. Please contact RBC Road and Bridge Department at 970-878-9590 or CDOT at 970-248-7021 for more information.

RBC Access Permit - ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Yes Permit # _____

RBC Oversize, Overweight Permit - ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Yes

RBC Utilities Installation Permit - ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Yes Permit # _____

CDOT Access Permit - ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Yes Permit # _____

Which roads will be used to access this project? _____

Vanpooling or busing plan ☐ Yes ☐ No

Required Documents

- ☐ Stormwater Management Plan or Certificate - if not already submitted with other permit information.
- ☐ Reclamation Plan – if not already submitted with other permit information.
- ☐ Revegetation Plan- if not already submitted with other permit information.
- ☐ Weed Control Plan – addressing interim and final weed abatement.

Valuation of Project

Material _____

Labor _____

Total _____

Application Fees

Base Application Fee \$ 700

(1st \$ Million of project cost)

Additional Application Fee
(\$500 for each additional Million) _____

Additional Building Permit Fee if Applicable _____

Application Fee Total _____

Use Tax

A use tax packet will be issued by the Sales and Use Tax Administrator to the applicant after approval of this Pipeline Special Use/ Building Permit. Contact Deb Morlan, 970-878-9610 for Use Tax information.

Name of Person completing this application (print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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Appendix 1

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ASSOCIATED STRUCTURES

All Structures typically associated with a pipeline can be permitted with this one permit application. The operator will be responsible to insure all structures meet current Rio Blanco County building codes and /or OSHA standards. All structures must pass a final inspection before they are put into use. Certain structures will require a separate building permit and an additional fee. All structures require a Certificate of Occupancy or a Letter of Completion. **THIS INFORMATION WILL BE UPDATED/CORRECTED AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION.** Please list all planned structures below:

COMPRESSOR: ☐ NO ☐ YES QTY _____ Valuation per _____

Compressor Structure: ☐ NO ☐ YES

QTY _____ SIZE SQ. FT. PER STRUCTURE _____

Valuation per Structure _____

Colorado Division of Housing Sticker Y ☐ N ☐ Not Required ☐

METERING ☐ NO ☐ YES QTY _____ Valuation per _____

METERING STRUCTURES ☐ NO ☐ YES

QTY _____ Size SQ.FT. PER STRUCTURE _____

Valuation per Structure _____

Colorado Division of Housing Sticker Y ☐ N ☐ Not Required ☐

TEMPORARY OFFICE TRAILERS ☐ NO ☐ YES

QTY _____ Size SQ. FT. Per Structure _____

Colorado Division of Housing Sticker Y ☐ N ☐

**FOUNDATION FOR ABOVE
GROUND APPURTENANCES**

Description_____

QTY_____ SIZE SQ. FT. PER STRUCTURE_____

Valuation_____

ADDITIONAL STRUCTURE

Description_____

QTY_____ SIZE SQ. FT. PER STRUCTURE_____

Valuation_____

Colorado Division of Housing Sticker Y ☐ N ☐ Not Required ☐



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Appendix 3

Line 5

Line Name _____ Product transported _____

Size _____ Pipe Material _____

Approximate Length _____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Surface Land Owner _____

Line 6

Line Name _____ Product transported _____

Size _____ Pipe Material _____

Approximate Length _____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Surface Land Owner _____

Line 7

Line Name _____ Product transported _____

Size _____ Pipe Material _____

Approximate Length _____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Surface Land Owner _____

Line 8

Line Name _____ Product transported _____

Size _____ Pipe Material _____

Approximate Length _____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Surface Land Owner _____

Line 9

Line Name _____ Product transported _____

Size _____ Pipe Material _____

Approximate Length _____ Pipeline Pressure (psi) _____

Starting Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Ending Location QtrQtr Section _____ Township _____ Range _____

Latitude _____ Longitude _____

Surface Land Owner _____

Section 9-301 of Article 9, of the Rio Blanco County Land Use Regulations

SUBP for Pipelines

Section 9-301 Pipeline Special Use/Building Permit (SU/BP)

Section 9-106

- A. All off pad pipelines, except any portion of off pad pipelines permitted under a Well Pad SU/BP, require a Pipeline SU/BP.
- B. Determination of the required review process for Pipeline SU/BP applications is based on the following criteria:
 - 1. Pipelines of up to 2000 feet connecting wells to collection system(s) may be included in the Well Pad SU/BP if permitted at the same time as the well pad.
 - 2. Pipelines 12" or less in diameter and less than 5 miles in length shall be reviewed administratively by assigned staff. The assigned staff shall provide a written notice of decision that informs the applicant of the approval, conditions of approval or basis for denial in writing within seven (7) calendar days of the date of decision. Notice of the assigned staff's decision shall also be provided to the Planning Commission (PC) and the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).
 - 3. Pipelines less than 20" in diameter and less than 10 miles in length requires Limited Impact Review and action by the BOCC at a public hearing, after proper notice. The BOCC shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based upon compliance with applicable standards.
 - 4. Pipelines greater than 20" in diameter and/or greater than 10 miles in length requires Major Impact Review with public hearings after proper notice before the PC and the BOCC. The PC shall provide a recommendation of approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the application to the BOCC. The BOCC shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the application based upon compliance with applicable standards.

Section 9-301

- C. The design, construction, cover, and reclamation of all pipelines for oil and gas operations are subject to the requirements of the COGCC. Evidence of compliance with COGCC requirements must be provided to the County by the applicant as part of the County Pipeline SU/BP application process for any oil and gas facility proposing to include pipelines.
- D. A map showing the as-built location of any approved pipeline or gathering system must be provided to the County Building Division of the Community Development Department and recorded in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder. Locations must be accurate to within 10 feet. The location of any pipelines which are proposed for abandonment must also be recorded in the records of the County Clerk and Recorder upon completion of abandonment.
- E. Special Use/Building Permits issued pursuant to this Section 9-301 are valid from start of

construction to abandonment and final reclamation, if required.

- F. Special Use/Building Permits pursuant to this Section 9-301 are issued by the Planning Department and the Building Department.
- G. All applicable taxes and fees must be paid before a Special Use/Building Permit can be issued. Use Tax must be accounted and paid as required by the Use Tax resolution.
- H. All structures, regardless of size, which by standard practice are part of a pipeline covered by a Special Use/Building Permit, do not require separate Building Permits. Applicants may be required to submit inspection reports.
- I. If required by the State, all buildings must have a Colorado Division of Housing Certificate Sticker.
- J. All buildings permitted with the Special Use/Building permit must comply with all RBC floodplain, planning, and zoning requirements, including setbacks.

9-301 Application Process

- A. A complete application for a Special Use/ Building Permit as required herein, must be filed with the Rio Blanco Planning and Development Department no later than thirty days prior to the date of estimated commencement of construction of the pipeline or access road.
- B. Application forms are provided by the Rio Blanco County Planning Department.
- C. An application for a Special Use/Building Permit will not be considered complete until the applicant provides the information and documentation required in the application form.

9-203 Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. By acceptance of a Special Use/Building Permit, the Applicant grants permission to Rio Blanco County, its agents and employees, the right to inspect a site without notice, during regular business hours and in compliance with safety procedures, to assess compliance with the Permit and to collect any water, air, or soil samples.
- B. Bear-proof refuse containers must be provided at all locations for all trash.
- C. The Terms and Conditions of a Special Use/ Building Permit may contain additional provisions needed to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Rio Blanco County.