

Public Law 107-223
107th Congress

An Act

Aug. 21, 2002
[H.R. 3380]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

16 USC 403 note.

SECTION 1. PERMITS FOR EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior may issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines that exist as of September 1, 2001, within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

(b) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—A permit issued under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) issued consistent with laws and regulations generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within units of the National Park System; and

(2) subject to any terms and conditions that the Secretary deems necessary.

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SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior may issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park that are proposed to be constructed across the following:

(1) The Foothills Parkway.

(2) The Foothills Parkway Spur between Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg.

(3) The Gatlinburg Bypass.

(b) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—A permit issued under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) issued consistent with laws and regulations generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within units of the National Park System; and

(2) subject to any terms and conditions that the Secretary deems necessary, including—

(A) provisions for the protection and restoration of park resources that are disturbed by pipeline construction; and

(B) assurances that construction and operation of the pipeline will not adversely affect Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Approved August 21, 2002.

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