

INSTRUCTIONS - Form T-4

1. Operator. The individual or organization responsible for daily operation, maintenance, safety and emergency response functions on the pipeline. The Operator must also have Form P-5 Organization Report on file with the Commission's Oil and Gas Division prior to the issuance of the T-4 permit.
2. The Economic Operator (line 3, if different from the Operator (line 1) is the individual or organization responsible to the Commission for reporting the transmission of gas or liquids through the pipeline(s). Economic Operator must also have a Form P-5 Organization Report on file with the Commission's Oil & Gas Division prior to the issuance of the T-4 Permit if different entity than the Operator.
3. Operator must file a Form T-4 for each classification of pipeline(s) and/or gathering system(s); i.e., interstate, or intrastate, gas or liquid, or common carrier or private.
4. Operator (applicant) will file a revised Form T-4 as often as necessary to show the true status of each pipeline or gathering system subject to permit indicating therein any modification in the physical installation made whether such modifications relates to extension, abandonment, or transfer of lines. If no changes are made, annual certification that the pipeline or gathering system subject to permit was in no way modified during the year, must be filed by the 15th of the refiling month showing the status of each pipeline or gathering system as of the 1st of that month.

Pipeline Permit Rule 16 TAC §3.70 Pipeline Permits Required

(a) No pipeline or gathering system, whether a common carrier or not, shall be used to transport oil, gas, or geothermal resources from any tract of land within this state without a permit from the commission. Application for the permit shall be made upon the required form, and the permit will be granted if the commission is satisfied from such application and the evidence in support thereof, and its own investigation, that the proposed line is, or will be, so laid, equipped, and managed, as to reduce to a minimum the possibility of waste, and will be operated in accordance with the conservation laws and conservation rules and regulations of the commission.

(b) The permit, if granted, shall be revocable at any time after hearing held after 10 days' notice, if the commission finds that the line is so unsafe, or so improperly equipped, or so managed, as likely to result in waste. If the commission finds the line is in such condition as to cause waste, five days' written notice shall be given to the operating company to correct the condition before notice of hearing for revocation of the permit is given. A permit may also be revoked after 10 days' notice and hearing, if the commission finds that the operator of the line, in its operation thereof, is willfully violating or contributing to the violation of the laws of Texas regulating the production, transportation, processing, refining, treating, and/or marketing of crude oil or geothermal resources, or any of the laws of the state to conserve the oil, gas, or geothermal resources, or any rule or regulation of the commission enacted under such laws.

DEFINITIONS

1. Abandoned Line. A line is considered to be abandoned when it is not in current use, the operator or owner does not plan to use it in future operations, and line has been cleared of all hydrocarbons. A line does not have to be removed or stripped of pumping or compressor equipment in order to be abandoned. The Commission should be notified by letter immediately when line is abandoned.
2. Liquid. Any substance that exists in liquid phase in the pipeline under current operating conditions.

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