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**RE: Final Permit Issuance for MAQP #3396-04**

Dear Mr. Kiefer:

Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP) #3396-04 is deemed final as of April 10, 2025, by DEQ. This permit is for the South Midpoint Compressor Station. All conditions of the Decision remain the same. Enclosed is a copy of your permit with the final date indicated.

For DEQ,



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## MONTANA AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Issued To:	Ridge Energy, LLC.	MAQP: #3396-04
	South Midpoint Compressor Station	Administrative Amendment (AA)
	16633 Dallas Parkway, Unit 290	Received: 03/03/2025
	Addison, TX 75001	Department Decision: 03/25/2025
		Permit Final: 04/10/2025

A Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP), with conditions, is hereby granted to Ridge Energy, LLC (Ridge), pursuant to Sections 75-2-204 and 211 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as amended, and Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.740, *et seq.*, as amended, for the following:

### SECTION I: Permitted Facilities

#### A. Plant Location

The facility is located approximately 8.5 miles south of Midpoint, Montana, in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 60 East, in Fallon County, Montana.

#### B. Current Permit Action

On March 3, 2025, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a change of ownership notice from Ridge for the South Midpoint Compressor Station. The current permit action transfers ownership of the MAQP from Scout Energy Management, LLC., to Ridge in accordance with ARM 17.8.764 and ARM 17.8.765(2).

### SECTION II: Conditions and Limitations

#### A. Emission Limitations

1. Ridge shall not operate more than three natural gas compressor engines at any given time. The maximum rated design capacity of Units 1, 2, and 3 shall not exceed 5,040-horsepower (hp) total (ARM 17.8.749).
2. Each compressor engine shall be a rich-burn controlled with non-selective catalytic reduction (NSCR) units and air-to-fuel (AFR) controllers. The pound per hour (lb/hr) emission limits for each of the engines shall be determined using the following equation and pollutant specific grams per brake horsepower-hour (g/bhp-hr) emission factors (ARM 17.8.752):

#### Equation

Emission Limit (lb/hr) = Emission Factor (g/bhp-hr) \* maximum rated design capacity of engine (hp) \* 0.002205 lb/g

### Emission Factors

NO <sub>x</sub>	1.0 g/bhp-hr
CO	2.0 g/bhp-hr
VOC	1.0 g/bhp-hr

3. Ridge shall not cause or authorize emissions to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any sources installed after November 23, 1968, that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.304).
4. Ridge shall not cause or authorize the use of any street, road, or parking lot without taking reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter (ARM 17.8.308).
5. Ridge shall treat all unpaved portions of the haul roads, access roads, parking lots, or general plant area with water and/or chemical dust suppressant as necessary to maintain compliance with the reasonable precautions limitation in Section II.A.4 (ARM 17.8.749).

### B. Testing Requirements

1. Each of the compressor engines shall be initially tested for nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and carbon monoxide (CO), concurrently, to demonstrate compliance with the emission limits as calculated in Section II.A.2. The initial source testing shall be conducted within 180 days of the initial start-up date of the compressor engine(s). After the initial source test, additional testing shall continue on an every-four-year basis or according to another testing/monitoring schedule as may be approved by DEQ (ARM 17.8.105 and ARM 17.8.749).
2. All compliance source tests shall conform to the requirements of the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual (ARM 17.8.106).
3. DEQ may require further testing (ARM 17.8.105).

### C. Operational Reporting Requirements

1. Ridge shall supply DEQ with annual production information for all emission points, as required by DEQ in the annual emission inventory request. The request will include, but is not limited to, all sources of emissions identified in the emission inventory contained in the permit analysis.

Production information shall be gathered on a calendar-year basis and submitted to DEQ by the date required in the emission inventory request. Information shall be in the units required by DEQ. This information may be used to calculate operating fees, based on actual emissions from the facility, and/or to verify compliance with permit limitations (ARM 17.8.505).

2. Ridge shall notify DEQ of any construction or improvement project conducted pursuant to ARM 17.8.745, that would include ***the addition of a new emissions unit***, change in control equipment, stack height, stack diameter, stack flow, stack gas temperature, source location, or fuel specifications, or would result in an increase in source capacity above its permitted operation. The notice must be submitted to DEQ, in writing, 10 days prior to start up or use of the proposed de minimis change, or as soon as reasonably practicable in the event of an unanticipated circumstance causing the de minimis change and must include the information requested in ARM 17.8.745(1)(d) (ARM 17.8.745).
3. All records compiled in accordance with this permit must be maintained by WBI as a permanent business record for at least 5 years following the date of the measurement, must be available at the plant site for inspection by DEQ, and must be submitted to DEQ upon request (ARM 17.8.749).

D. Notification

1. Ridge shall provide DEQ with written notification of commencement of construction of the South Midpoint Compressor Station within 30 days after commencement of construction (ARM 17.8.749).
2. Ridge shall provide DEQ with written notification of the actual start-up date(s) of the compressor engine(s) within 15 days after the actual start-up date(s) (ARM 17.8.749).
3. Ridge shall provide DEQ with written notification of the engine models utilized within 15 days after the actual start-up date(s) (ARM 17.8.749).

SECTION III: General Conditions

- A. Inspection – Ridge shall allow DEQ ’s representatives access to the source at all reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or surveys, collecting samples, obtaining data, auditing any monitoring equipment (Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (CEMS), Continuous Emission Rate Monitoring Systems (CERMS)) or observing any monitoring or testing, and otherwise conducting all necessary functions related to this permit.
- B. Waiver – The permit and the terms, conditions, and matters stated herein shall be deemed accepted if Ridge fails to appeal as indicated below.
- C. Compliance with Statutes and Regulations – Nothing in this permit shall be construed as relieving Ridge of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, *et seq.* (ARM 17.8.756).
- D. Enforcement – Violations of limitations, conditions and requirements contained herein may constitute grounds for permit revocation, penalties or other enforcement action as specified in Section 75-2-401, *et seq.*, MCA.

- E. Appeals – Any person or persons jointly or severally adversely affected by DEQ’s decision may request, within 15 days after DEQ renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefore, a hearing before the Board of Environmental Review (Board). A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. The filing of a request for a hearing does not stay DEQ’s decision, unless the Board issues a stay upon receipt of a petition and a finding that a stay is appropriate under Section 75-2-211(11)(b), MCA. The issuance of a stay on a permit by the Board postpones the effective date of DEQ’s decision until conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board. If a stay is not issued by the Board, DEQ’s decision on the application is final 16 days after DEQ’s decision is made.
- F. Permit Inspection – As required by ARM 17.8.755, Inspection of Permit, a copy of the air quality permit shall be made available for inspection by DEQ at the location of the source.
- G. Permit Fee – Pursuant to Section 75-2-220, MCA, as amended by the 1991 Legislature, failure to pay the annual operation fee by Ridge may be grounds for revocation of this permit, as required by that section and rules adopted thereunder by the Board.
- H. Duration of Permit – Construction or installation must begin or contractual obligations entered into that would constitute substantial loss within 3 years of permit issuance and proceed with due diligence until the project is complete or the permit shall expire (ARM 17.8.762).

Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP) Analysis  
Ridge Energy, LLC  
South Midpoint Compressor Station  
MAQP #3396-04

I. Introduction/Process Description

Ridge Energy, LLC (Ridge) owns and operates the South Midpoint Compressor Station. The facility is located approximately 8.5 miles south of Midpoint, Montana, in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 60 East, in Fallon County, Montana.

A. Permitted Equipment

The facility consists of the following equipment:

Three rich-burn natural gas fired compressor engines (Units 1, 2, and 3) with a maximum rated design capacity equal to or less than 5,040 horsepower (hp) total;

B. Source Description

The South Midpoint Compressor Station will gather natural gas to be subsequently conditioned to meet natural gas quality standards.

C. Permit History

On May 18, 2005, Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company (WBIP) was issued **MAQP #3396-00** for a compressor station and associated equipment. The compressor station was originally located in the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 40 East, Fallon County, Montana.

On June 10, 2005, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received an application from WBIP which requested a change from the original location proposed in MAQP #3396-00. The new location proposed in the permit action was the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 60 East, in Fallon County, Montana. The proposed permit action did not include any additional emissions. **MAQP #3396-01** replaced MAQP #3396-00.

On December 10, 2012, DEQ received an Administrative Amendment (AA) request from WBI to change the official name of the company from Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company to WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. **MAQP #3396-02** replaced MAQP #3396-01.

On April 21, 2020, DEQ received an AA request from WBI to transfer ownership of the permitted facility from WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. to Scout Energy Management, LLC. **MAQP #3396-03** replaced MAQP #3396-02.

#### D. Current Permit Action

On March 3, 2025, DEQ received a change of ownership notice from Ridge for the South Midpoint Compressor Station. The current permit action transfers ownership of the MAQP from Scout Energy Management, LLC., to Ridge in accordance with ARM 17.8.764 and ARM 17.8.765(2). **MAQP #3396-04** replaces MAQP #3396-03.

#### E. Additional Information

Additional information, such as applicable rules and regulations, Best Available Control Technology (BACT)/Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) determinations, air quality impacts, and environmental assessments, is included in the analysis associated with each change to the permit.

### II. Applicable Rules and Regulations

The following are partial explanations of some applicable rules and regulations that apply to the facility. The complete rules are stated in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and are available, upon request, from DEQ. Upon request, DEQ will provide references for location of complete copies of all applicable rules and regulations or copies where appropriate.

#### A. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 1 – General Provisions, including but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.101 Definitions. This rule includes a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.105 Testing Requirements. Any person or persons responsible for the emission of any air contaminant into the outdoor atmosphere shall, upon written request of DEQ, provide the facilities and necessary equipment (including instruments and sensing devices) and shall conduct tests, emission or ambient, for such periods of time as may be necessary using methods approved by DEQ .
3. ARM 17.8.106 Source Testing Protocol. The requirements of this rule apply to any emission source testing conducted by DEQ, any source or other entity as required by any rule in this chapter, or any permit or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or the provisions of the Clean Air Act of Montana, 75-2-101, *et seq.*, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Ridge shall comply with the requirements contained in the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual, including, but not limited to, using the proper test methods and supplying the required reports. A copy of the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual is available from DEQ upon request.

4. ARM 17.8.110 Malfunctions. (2) DEQ must be notified promptly by telephone whenever a malfunction occurs that can be expected to create emissions in excess of any applicable emission limitation or to continue for a period greater than four hours.

5. ARM 17.8.111 Circumvention. (1) No person shall cause or permit the installation or use of any device or any means that, without resulting in reduction of the total amount of air contaminant emitted, conceals or dilutes an emission of air contaminant that would otherwise violate an air pollution control regulation. (2) No equipment that may produce emissions shall be operated or maintained in such a manner as to create a public nuisance.
- B. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 2 – Ambient Air Quality, including, but not limited to the following:
  1. ARM 17.8.204 Ambient Air Monitoring
  2. ARM 17.8.210 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)
  3. ARM 17.8.211 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>)
  4. ARM 17.8.212 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide (CO)
  5. ARM 17.8.213 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)
  6. ARM 17.8.214 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S)
  7. ARM 17.8.220 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Settled Particulate Matter (PM)
  8. ARM 17.8.221 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Visibility
  9. ARM 17.8.222 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead (Pb)
  10. ARM 17.8.223 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter with an Aerodynamic Diameter of Ten Microns or Less (PM<sub>10</sub>)

Ridge must maintain compliance with the applicable ambient air quality standards.

- C. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 3 – Emission Standards, including, but not limited to:
  1. ARM 17.8.304 Visible Air Contaminants. This rule requires that no person may cause or authorize emissions to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any source installed after November 23, 1968, that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes.
  2. ARM 17.8.308 Particulate Matter, Airborne. (1) This rule requires an opacity limitation of less than 20% for all fugitive emission sources and that reasonable precautions are taken to control emissions of airborne particulate matter. (2) Under this rule, Ridge shall not cause or authorize the use of any street, road, or parking lot without taking reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter.
  3. ARM 17.8.309 Particulate Matter, Fuel Burning Equipment. This rule requires that no person shall cause, allow, or permit to be discharged into the atmosphere PM caused by the combustion of fuel in excess of the amount determined by this rule.
  4. ARM 17.8.310 Particulate Matter, Industrial Process. This rule requires that no person shall cause, allow, or permit to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter in excess of the amount set forth in this rule.



5. ARM 17.8.322 Sulfur Oxide Emissions--Sulfur in Fuel. (4) Commencing July 1, 1972, no person shall burn liquid or solid fuels containing sulfur in excess of 1 pound of sulfur per million Btu fired. (5) Commencing July 1, 1971, no person shall burn any gaseous fuel containing sulfur compounds in excess of 50 grains per 100 cubic feet of gaseous fuel, calculated as hydrogen sulfide at standard conditions. Ridge will utilize natural gas for operating its fuel burning equipment, which will meet this limitation.
6. ARM 17.8.324 Hydrocarbon Emissions--Petroleum Products. (3) No person shall load or permit the loading of gasoline into any stationary tank with a capacity of 250 gallons or more from any tank truck or trailer, except through a permanent submerged fill pipe, unless such tank is equipped with a vapor loss control device as described in (1) of this rule.
7. ARM 17.8.340 Standard of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources. This rule incorporates, by reference, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 60, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS).
  - a. 40 CFR 60, Subpart A – General Provisions apply to all equipment or facilities subject to an NSPS Subpart as listed below:
  - b. 40 CFR 60, Subpart JJJJ - Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines. The South Midpoint Compressor Station is not subject to this subpart as the engines were manufactured and installed before the applicability dates outlined in the subpart. However, future engine installations, replacements, or reconstructions may be subject to 40 CFR 60 Subpart JJJJ.
8. ARM 17.8.342 Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories. The source, as defined and applied in 40 CFR Part 63, shall comply with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 63, as listed below:
  - a. 40 CFR 63, Subpart A – General Provisions apply to all equipment or facilities subject to an NESHAP Subpart as listed below:
  - b. 40 CFR 63, Subpart HH — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Oil and Natural Gas Production Facilities. Owners or operators of oil and natural gas production facilities, as defined and applied in 40 CFR Part 63, shall comply with standards and provisions of 40 CFR 63, Subpart HH. The South Midpoint Compressor Station is not a NESHAP-affected source under this Subpart because the facility does not include an affected emission point as defined in 63.760(b)(1) or 63.760(b)(2).
  - c. 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart HHH National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Facilities. In order for a natural gas transmission and storage facility to be subject to 40 CFR 63, Subpart HHH requirements, the facility must be a major source of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) as determined using the maximum natural gas throughput as calculated in either paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) or paragraphs (a)(2) and (a)(3) of 40 CFR 63, Subpart HHH.

The South Midpoint Compressor Station is not subject to the provisions of 40 CFR 63, Subpart HHH, because the facility is not a major source of HAPs.

- d. 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ — National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines. An owner or operator of a stationary RICE at a major or area source of HAP emissions is subject to this subpart, except if the stationary RICE is being tested at a stationary RICE test cell/stand. Therefore, Ridge is subject to this subpart.

D. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 5 – Air Quality Permit Application, Operation, and Open Burning Fees, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.504 Air Quality Permit Application Fees. This rule requires that an applicant submit an air quality permit application fee concurrent with the submittal of an air quality permit application. A permit application is incomplete until the proper application fee is paid to DEQ. The current permitting action is an administrative permit action; therefore, no fee was required.
2. ARM 17.8.505 When Permit Required--Exclusions. An annual air quality operation fee must, as a condition of continued operation, be submitted to DEQ by each source of air contaminants holding an air quality permit (excluding an open burning permit) issued by DEQ. The air quality operation fee is based on the actual or estimated actual amount of air pollutants emitted during the previous calendar year.

An air quality operation fee is separate and distinct from an air quality permit application fee. The annual assessment and collection of the air quality operation fee, described above, shall take place on a calendar-year basis. DEQ may insert into any final permit issued after the effective date of these rules, such conditions as may be necessary to require the payment of an air quality operation fee on a calendar-year basis, including provisions that prorate the required fee amount.

E. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 7 – Permit, Construction, and Operation of Air Contaminant Sources, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.740 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.743 Montana Air Quality Permits--When Required. This rule requires a person to obtain an air quality permit or permit modification to construct, modify, or use any air contaminant sources that have the Potential to Emit (PTE) greater than 25 tons per year of any pollutant. The South Midpoint Compressor Station has a PTE greater than 25 tons per year of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and CO; therefore, an air quality permit is required.
3. ARM 17.8.744 Montana Air Quality Permits--General Exclusions. This rule identifies the activities that are not subject to the Montana Air Quality Permit program.
4. ARM 17.8.745 Montana Air Quality Permits--Exclusion for De Minimis Changes. This rule identifies the de minimis changes at permitted facilities that do not require a permit under the Montana Air Quality Permit Program.

5. ARM 17.8.748 New or Modified Emitting Units--Permit Application Requirements. (1) This rule requires that a permit application be submitted prior to installation, modification, or use of a source. A permit application was not required for the current permit action because the permit change is considered an administrative permit change. (7) This rule requires that the applicant notify the public by means of legal publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the application for a permit. An affidavit of publication of public notice was not required for the current permit action because the permit change is considered an administrative permit change.
6. ARM 17.8.749 Conditions for Issuance or Denial of Permit. This rule requires that the permits issued by DEQ must authorize the construction and operation of the facility or emitting unit subject to the conditions in the permit and the requirements of this subchapter. This rule also requires that the permit must contain any conditions necessary to assure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), the Clean Air Act of Montana, and rules adopted under those acts.
7. ARM 17.8.752 Emission Control Requirements. This rule requires a source to install the maximum air pollution control capability that is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be utilized. The BACT analysis is included in Section III of this permit analysis.
8. ARM 17.8.755 Inspection of Permit. This rule requires that air quality permits shall be made available for inspection by DEQ at the location of the source.
9. ARM 17.8.756 Compliance with Other Requirements. This rule states that nothing in the permit shall be construed as relieving Ridge of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, *et seq.*
10. ARM 17.8.759 Review of Permit Applications. This rule describes DEQ's responsibilities for processing permit applications and making permit decisions on those permit applications that do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.
11. ARM 17.8.762 Duration of Permit. An air quality permit shall be valid until revoked or modified, as provided in this subchapter, except that a permit issued prior to construction of a new or modified source may contain a condition providing that the permit will expire unless construction is commenced within the time specified in the permit, which in no event may be less than one year after the permit is issued.
12. ARM 17.8.763 Revocation of Permit. An air quality permit may be revoked upon written request of the permittee, or for violations of any requirement of the Clean Air Act of Montana, rules adopted under the Clean Air Act of Montana, the FCAA, rules adopted under the FCAA, or any applicable requirement contained in the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP).

13. ARM 17.8.764 Administrative Amendment to Permit. An air quality permit may be amended for changes in any applicable rules and standards adopted by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) or changed conditions of operation at a source or stack that do not result in an increase of emissions as a result of those changed conditions. The owner or operator of a facility may not increase the facility's emissions beyond permit limits unless the increase meets the criteria in ARM 17.8.745 for a de minimis change not requiring a permit, or unless the owner or operator applies for and receives another permit in accordance with ARM 17.8.748, ARM 17.8.749, ARM 17.8.752, ARM 17.8.755, and ARM 17.8.756, and with all applicable requirements in ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapters 8, 9, and 10.
  14. ARM 17.8.765 Transfer of Permit. This rule states that an air quality permit may be transferred from one person to another if written notice of Intent to Transfer, including the names of the transferor and the transferee, is sent to DEQ.
- F. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 8 – Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality, including, but not limited to:
1. ARM 17.8.801 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this subchapter.
  2. ARM 17.8.818 Review of Major Stationary Sources and Major Modifications--Source Applicability and Exemptions. The requirements contained in ARM 17.8.819 through ARM 17.8.827 shall apply to any major stationary source and any major modification, with respect to each pollutant subject to regulation under the FCAA that it would emit, except as this subchapter would otherwise allow.

This facility is not a major stationary source since this facility is not a listed source and the facility's PTE is below 250 tons per year of any pollutant (excluding fugitive emissions).

- G. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 12 – Operating Permit Program Applicability, including, but not limited to:
1. ARM 17.8.1201 Definitions. (23) Major Source under Section 7412 of the FCAA is defined as any source having:
    - a. PTE > 100 tons/year of any pollutant;
    - b. PTE > 10 tons/year of any single HAP, PTE > 25 tons/year of combined HAPs, or lesser quantity as DEQ may establish by rule; or
    - c. PTE > 70 tons/year of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>) in a serious PM<sub>10</sub> nonattainment area.
  2. ARM 17.8.1204 Air Quality Operating Permit Program. (1) Title V of the FCAA amendments of 1990 requires that all sources, as defined in ARM 17.8.1204(1), obtain a Title V Operating Permit. In reviewing and issuing MAQP #3396-04 for Ridge, the following conclusions were made:
    - a. The facility's PTE is less than 100 tons/year for any pollutant.

- b. The facility's PTE is less than 10 tons/year for any single HAP and less than 25 tons/year of combined HAPs.
- c. This source is not located in a serious PM<sub>10</sub> nonattainment area.
- d. This facility is not subject to any current NSPS.
- e. This facility is subject to current NESHAP (40 CFR 63, Subparts A and ZZZZ).
- f. This source is not a Title IV affected source, nor a solid waste combustion unit.
- g. This source is not an EPA designated Title V source.

Based on these facts, DEQ determined that the South Midpoint Compressor Station is a minor source of emissions as defined under Title V.

### III. BACT Determination

A BACT determination is required for each new or modified source. Ridge shall install on the new or modified source the maximum air pollution control capability that is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be utilized.

A BACT analysis was not required for the current permit action because the current permit action is considered an administrative permit action.

### IV. Emission Inventory

Source	Ton/year				
	PM <sub>10</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOC	CO	SO <sub>x</sub>
Compressor Engines Units 1, 2, 3 (5,040-hp total)	1.65	48.68	48.68	97.35	0.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>48.68</b>	<b>48.68</b>	<b>97.35</b>	<b>0.10</b>

#### Compressor Engines 5,040-hp Total

Brake Horsepower: 5,040 bhp  
Hours of operation: 8,760 hr/yr

#### PM<sub>10</sub> Emissions

Emission Factor: 9.50E-03 lb/MMBtu (AP-42, Chapter 3, Table 3.2-3, 7/00)

Fuel Consumption: 39.75 MMBtu/hr (Maximum Design)

Calculations: 39.75 MMBtu/hr \* 9.50E-03 lb/MMBtu = 0.38 lb/hr

0.38 lb/hr \* 8,760 hr/yr \* 0.0005 ton/lb = 1.65 ton/yr

#### NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions

Emission factor: 1.0 gram/bhp-hour (BACT Determination)

Calculations: 1.0 gram/bhp-hour \* 5,040 bhp \* 0.002205 lb/gram = 11.11 lb/hr

11.11 lb/hr \* 8,760 hr/yr \* 0.0005 ton/lb = 48.68 ton/yr

#### VOC Emissions

Emission factor: 1.0 gram/bhp-hour (BACT Determination)

Calculations:  $1.0 \text{ gram/bhp-hour} * 5,040 \text{ bhp} * 0.002205 \text{ lb/gram} = 11.11 \text{ lb/hr}$   
 $11.11 \text{ lb/hr} * 8,760 \text{ hr/yr} * 0.0005 \text{ ton/lb} = 48.68 \text{ ton/yr}$

#### CO Emissions

Emission factor: 2.0 gram/bhp-hour (BACT Determination)

Calculations:  $2.0 \text{ gram/bhp-hour} * 5,040 \text{ bhp} * 0.002205 \text{ lb/gram} = 22.23 \text{ lb/hr}$   
 $22.23 \text{ lb/hr} * 8,760 \text{ hr/yr} * 0.0005 \text{ ton/lb} = 97.35 \text{ ton/yr}$

#### SO<sub>x</sub> Emission

Emission factor: 5.88E-04 lb/MMBtu (AP-42, Chapter 3, Table 3.2-3, 7/00)

Fuel Consumption: 39.75 MMBtu/hr (Maximum Design)

Calculations:  $39.75 \text{ MMBtu/hr} * 5.88\text{E-}04 \text{ lb/MMBtu} = 0.02 \text{ lb/hr}$   
 $0.02 \text{ lb/hr} * 8760 \text{ hr/yr} * 0.0005 \text{ ton/lb} = 0.10 \text{ ton/yr}$

### V. Existing Air Quality

The facility is located approximately 8.5 miles south of Midpoint, Montana, in the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 60 East, in Fallon County, Montana. The air quality of this area is classified as either better than National Standards or unclassifiable/attainment for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants.

### VI. Ambient Air Impact Analysis

DEQ has determined that there will be no impacts from this permitting action because this permitting action is considered an administrative action. Therefore, DEQ believes this action will not cause or contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard.

### VII. Taking or Damaging Implication Analysis

As required by 2-10-105, MCA, DEQ conducted a private property taking and damaging assessment and determined there are no taking or damaging implications.

### VIII. Taking or Damaging Implication Analysis

As required by 2-10-105, MCA, DEQ conducted the following private property taking and damaging assessment.

YES	NO	
X		1. Does the action pertain to land or water management or environmental regulation affecting private real property or water rights?
	X	2. Does the action result in either a permanent or indefinite physical occupation of private property?
	X	3. Does the action deny a fundamental attribute of ownership? (ex.: right to exclude others, disposal of property)
	X	4. Does the action deprive the owner of all economically viable uses of the property?
	X	5. Does the action require a property owner to dedicate a portion of property or to grant an easement? [If no, go to (6)].
		5a. Is there a reasonable, specific connection between the government requirement and legitimate state interests?
		5b. Is the government requirement roughly proportional to the impact of the proposed use of the property?
	X	6. Does the action have a severe impact on the value of the property? (consider economic impact, investment-backed expectations, character of government action)
	X	7. Does the action damage the property by causing some physical disturbance with respect to the property in excess of that sustained by the public generally?
	X	7a. Is the impact of government action direct, peculiar, and significant?
	X	7b. Has government action resulted in the property becoming practically inaccessible, waterlogged or flooded?
	X	7c. Has government action lowered property values by more than 30% and necessitated the physical taking of adjacent property or property across a public way from the property in question?
	X	Takings or damaging implications? (Taking or damaging implications exist if YES is checked in response to question 1 and also to any one or more of the following questions: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7a, 7b, 7c; or if NO is checked in response to questions 5a or 5b; the shaded areas)

Based on this analysis, DEQ determined there are no taking or damaging implications associated with this permit action.

#### IX. Environmental Assessment

This permitting action is considered an administrative action; therefore, an Environmental Assessment is not required.

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