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April 20, 2016

US Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Field Office 3331 Heritage Trade Drive, Suite 105 Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587

ATTN: Mr. Andy Williams

NCDOT Coordinator

Dear Sir:

Subject: Request for Modification to Individual Section 404 Permit and Section 401

Water Quality Certification for widening and new lane construction from US 74 Rockingham/Hamlet Bypass to US 220 Ellerbe Bypass in Richmond County.

Federal Aid Project No. NHF-0220(4), State Project No. 8.1580802,

TIP Nos. R-3421A and B.

References: Section 404 Individual Permit issued August 7, 2012(SAW-1996-03023)

Section 401 Water Quality Certification issued May 10, 2012 (3916) Modification of Section 404 Individual Permit issued October 17, 2012

Modification of Section 401 Water Quality Certification issued August 28, 2012

The purpose of this letter is to submit utility impact drawings for modification of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 Individual Permit (IP) and Section 401 Water Quality Certification for R-3421. R-3421 is a phased Individual Section 404 and Section 401 permit. Final drawings were submitted for construction of the C section. Preliminary drawings for Sections A and B were also submitted with the original permit application. Please see the attached utility impact drawings and North Carolina Division of Mitigation Services acceptance letter.

Utility Impacts

Piedmont Natural Gas (PNG) proposes to relocate an existing 4-inch line currently in conflict with the proposed alignment for the A section of R-3421, prior to NCDOT road construction. No permanent stream impacts are anticipated. There will be 0.13 acre of permanent wetland impacts due to mechanized clearing in the 30-foot maintenance corridor. An additional 10 linear feet of temporary impact will occur to a jurisdictional stream. No other PNG relocations are anticipated for this project.

Other Utilities

A water pumping station, located in the footprint of the interchange for the A section, will be moved outside of the highway right-of-way. The water facility relocations will use trenchless installation procedures at all creek and wetland crossings along the relocation route. No impacts will occur to jurisdictional features identified within the project.



Electrical transmission and distribution lines along the project will be relocated at a future date, prior to construction of R-3421 A and B. Information concerning potential stream and wetland impacts in the project area not available at this time. If conflicts occur between the relocation of the electrical lines and jurisdictional features, a modification to the existing permit will be requested.

Regulatory Approvals

<u>Section 404:</u> We are hereby requesting the modification of the US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Individual Permit, for the above-described activities.

<u>Section 401:</u> We are hereby requesting the modification of the NC Division of Water Resources Section 401 Water Quality Certification, for the above-described activities.

A copy of this permit modification request will be posted on the NCDOT Website at https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx, under *Quick Links* > *Permit Applications*. A copy of the Environmental Assessment is also available at the above website address under *Quick Links* > *Environmental Documents*.

Thank you for your assistance with this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jason Dilday at 919-707-6111 or jldilday@ncdot.gov.

Sincerely,

Philip S. Harris III, P.E., C.P.M. Natural Environment Section Head

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NCDOT Permit Application Standard Distribution List.





DONALD R. VAN DER VAART

Secretary

April 19, 2016

Mr. Philip S. Harris, III, P.E., PLS Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1598 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1598

Dear Mr. Harris:

Subject: Mitigation Acceptance Letter:

R-3421A, US 220 Bypass / I-73/74 Corridor (Bypass of Rockingham), Richmond County

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Division of Mitigation Services (DMS) will provide the compensatory riparian wetland mitigation for the subject project. Based on the information supplied by you on April 17, 2016, the impacts are located in CU 03040201 of the Yadkin River basin in the Southern Piedmont (SP) Eco-Region, and are as follows:

Yadkin	Stream				Wetlands	Buffer (Sq. Ft.)		
03040201 SP	Cold	Cool	Warm	Riparian	Non- Riparian	Coastal Marsh	Zone 1	Zone 2
Impacts (feet/acres)	0	0	0	0.13	0	0	0	0

*Some of the stream and/or wetland impacts may be proposed to be mitigated at a 1:1 mitigation ratio. See permit application for details.

The impacts and associated mitigation needs were under projected by the NCDOT in the 2016 impact data. DMS will commit to implement sufficient compensatory riparian wetland mitigation credits to offset the impacts associated with this project as determined by the regulatory agencies using the delivery timeline listed in Section F.3.c.iii of the In-Lieu Fee Instrument dated July 28, 2010. If the above referenced impact amounts are revised, then this mitigation acceptance letter will no longer be valid and a new mitigation acceptance letter will be required from DMS.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Beth Harmon at 919-707-8420.

Sincerely,

James B. Stanfill

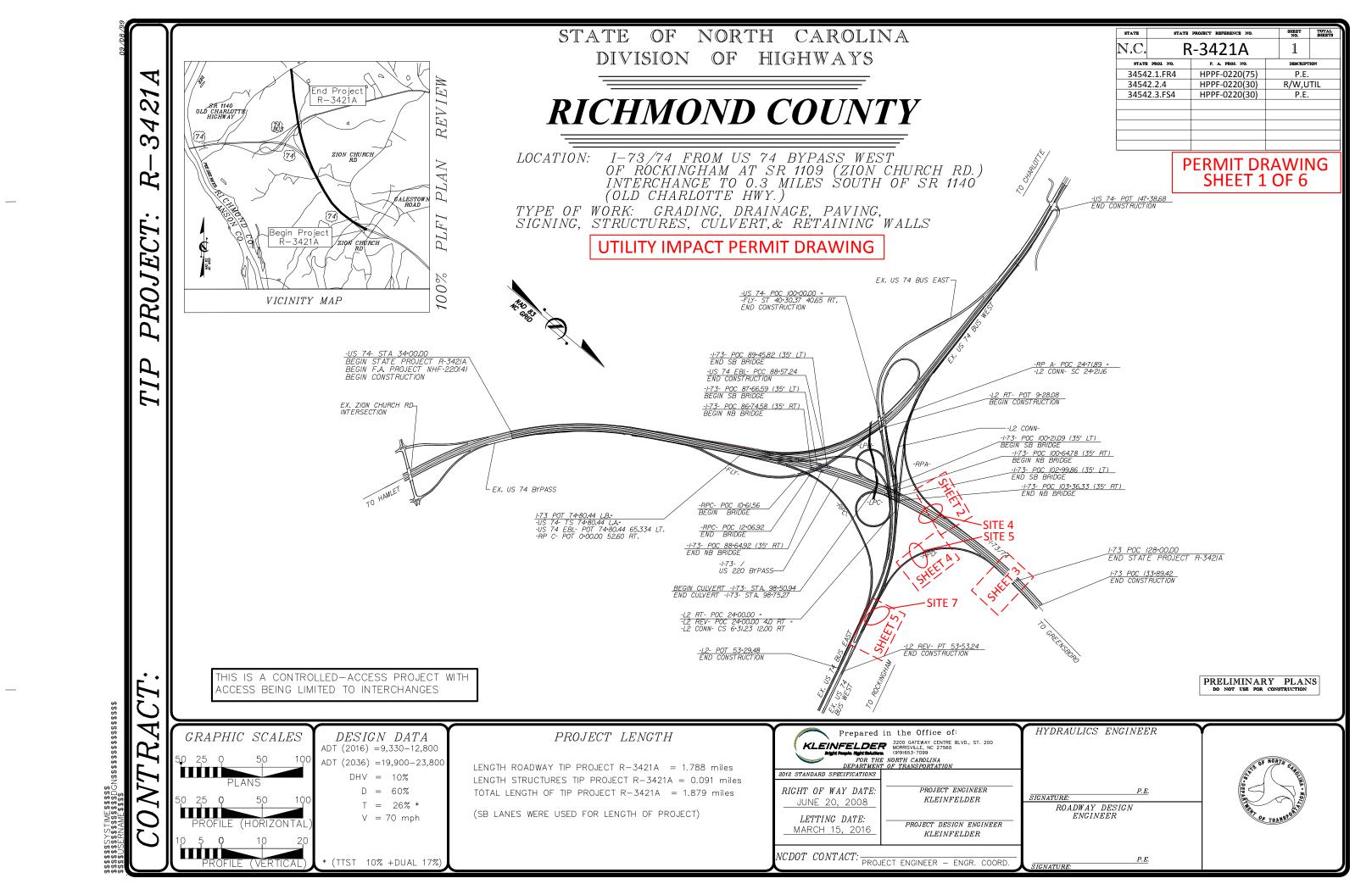
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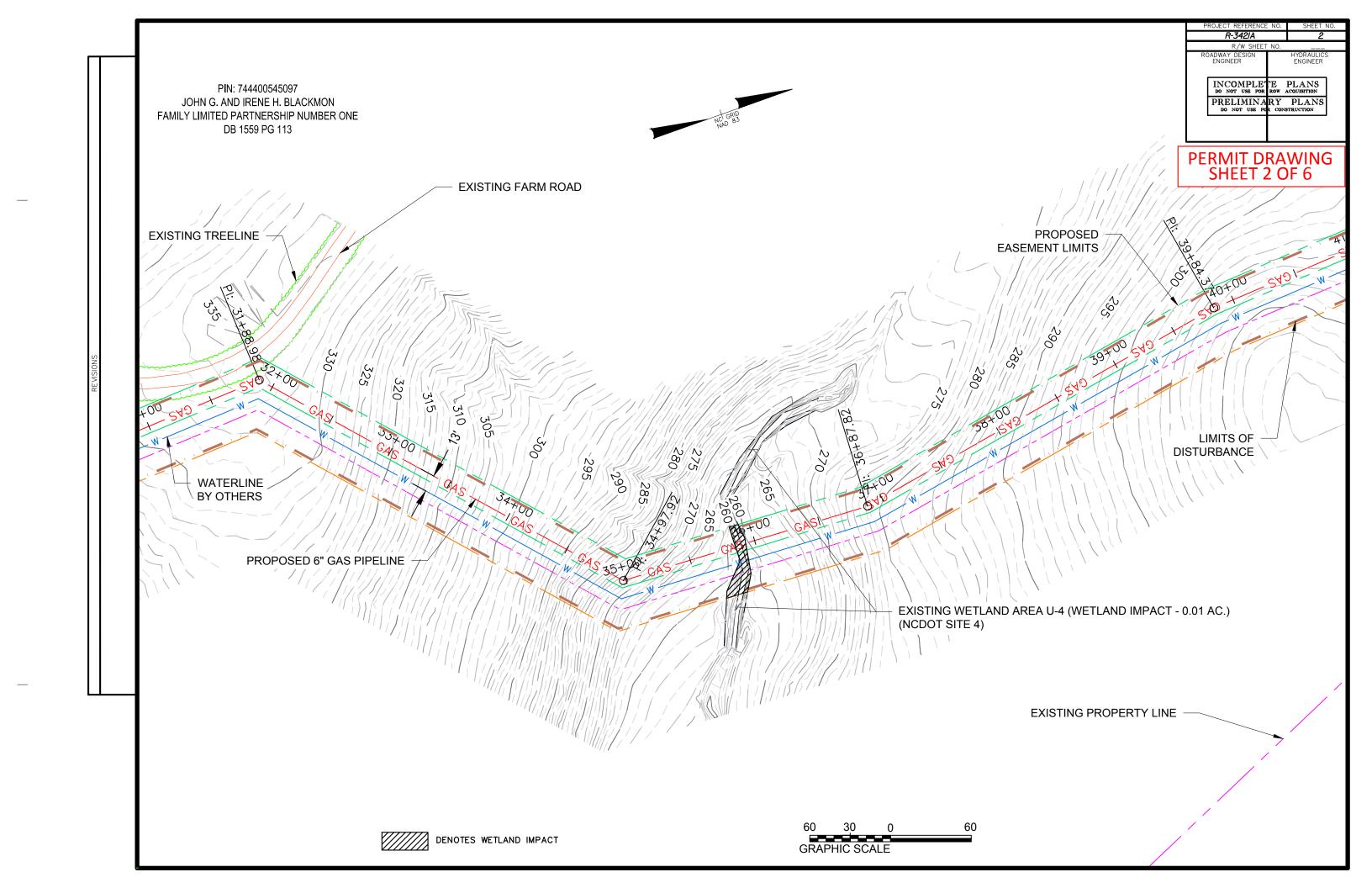
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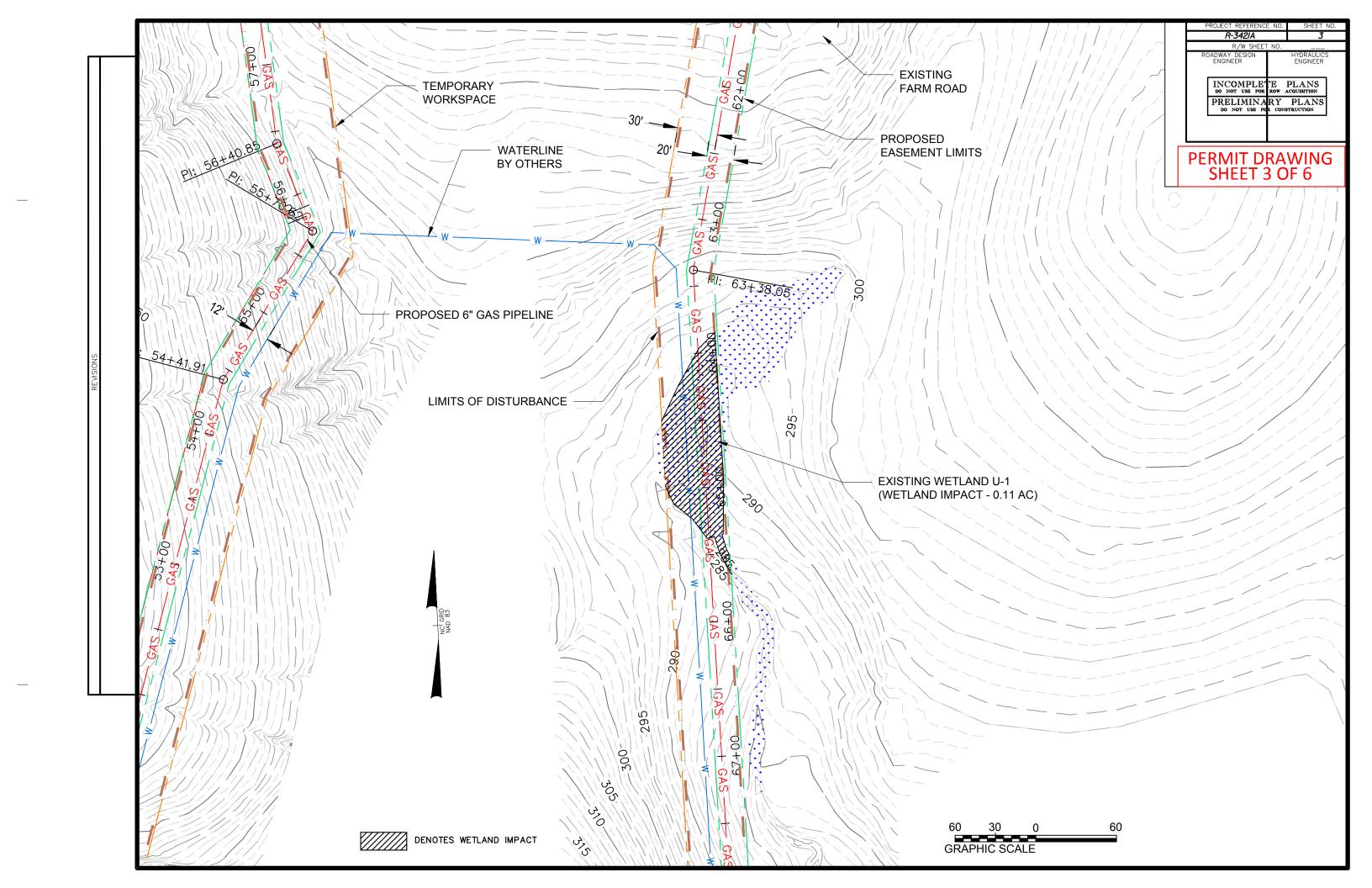
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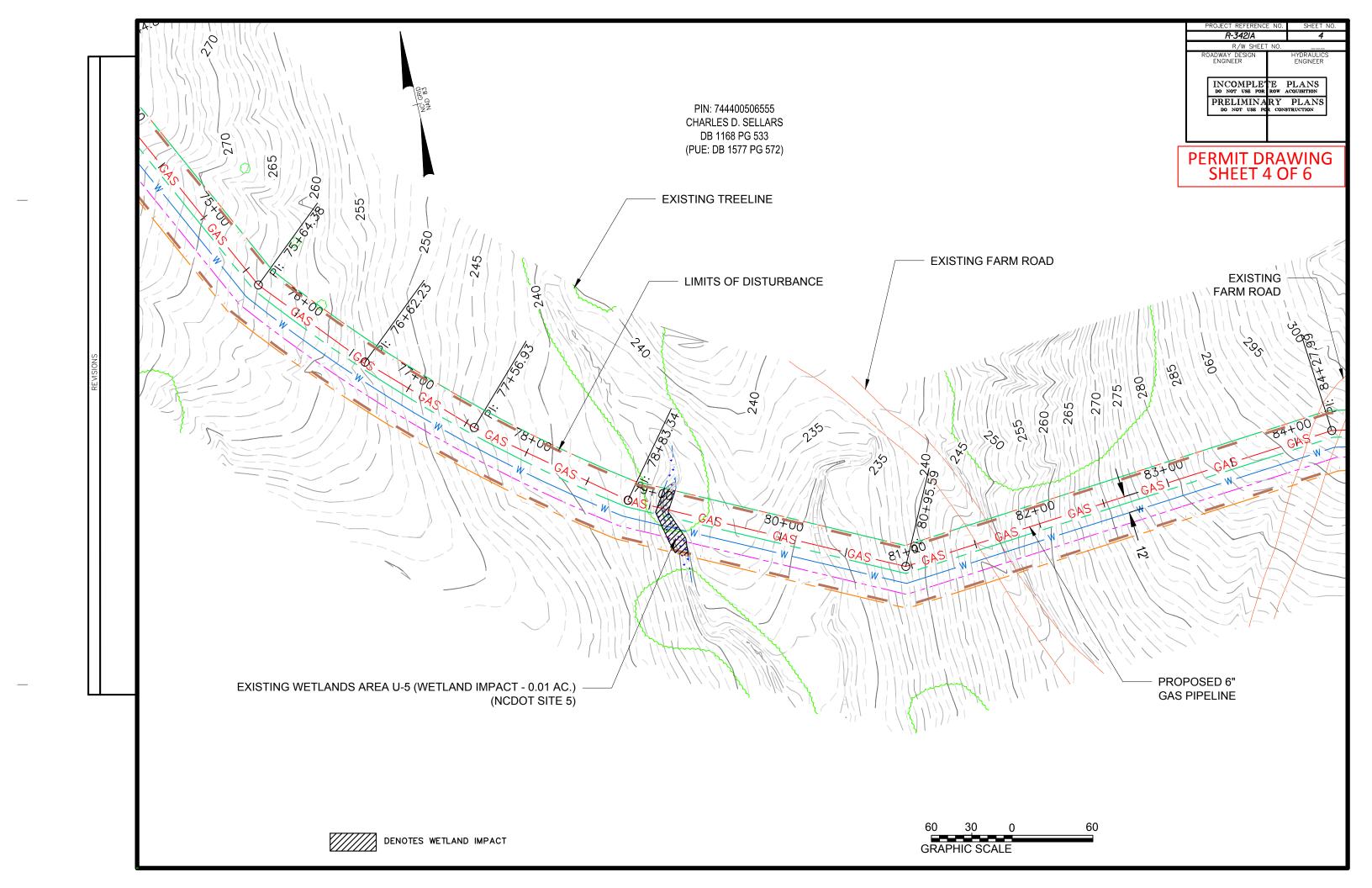
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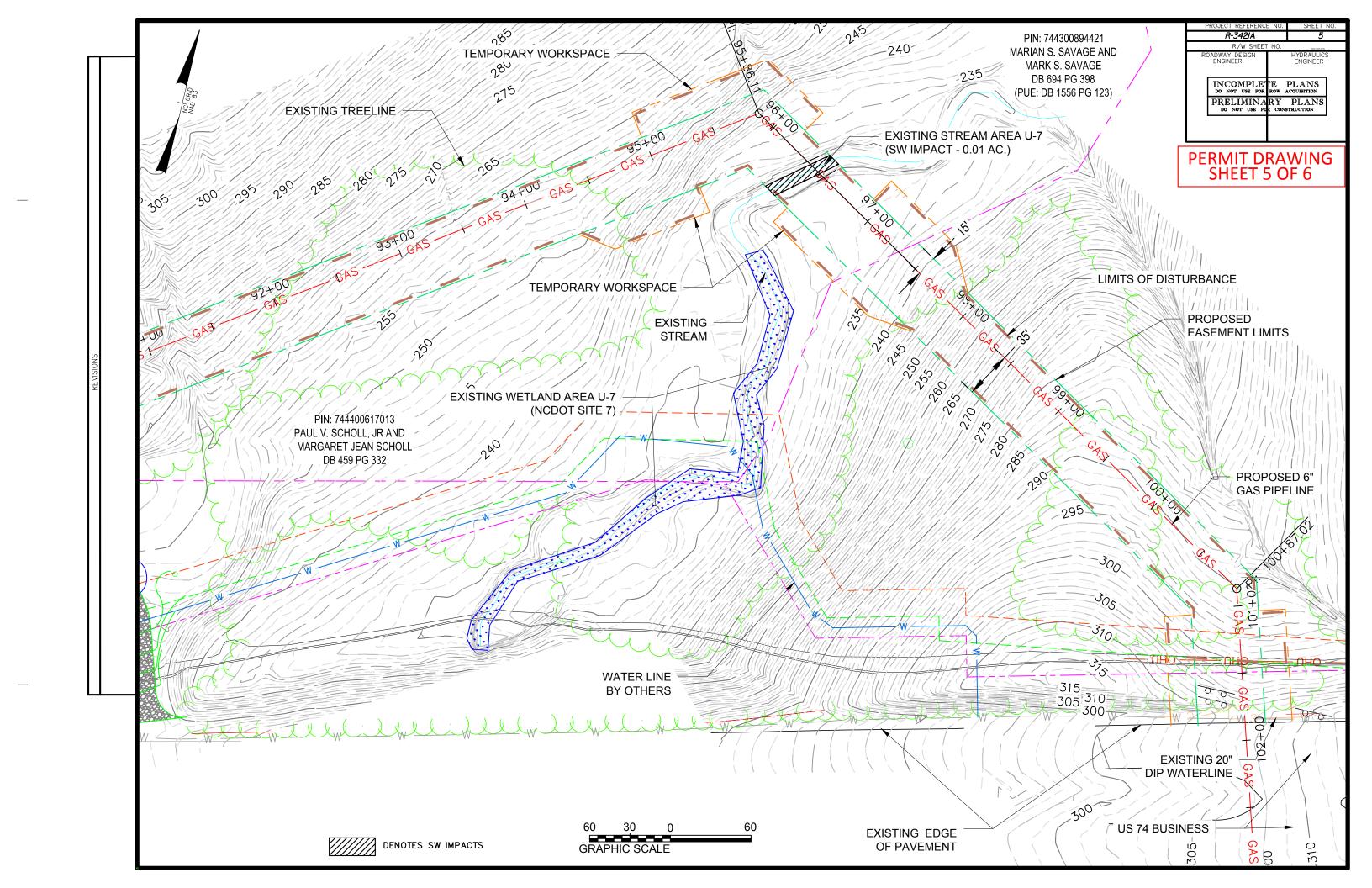
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PERMIT DRAWING SHEET 6 OF 6

WETLAND PERMIT IMPACT SUMMARY

		WETLAND IMPACTS					SURFACE WATER IMPACTS					
Site No.	Station (From/To)	Permanent Fill In Wetlands (ac.)	Temp Fill In Wetlands (ac.)	Excavation in Wetlands (ac.)	Mechanized Clearing in Wetlands (ac.)	Hand Clearing in Wetlands (ac.)	Permanent SW impacts (ac.)	Temp SW impacts (ac.)	Existing Channel impacts Permanent (ft)	Existing Channel impacts Temp. (ft)	Natural Stream Design (ft)	
U-1	66+62 / 64+03				0.11							
U-4	35+85 / 35+93				0.01							
U-5	79+05 / 79+14				0.01							
U-7	96+40 / 96+50							0.01		10		