Atlantic Sunrise Project – PA DEP Chapter 105 Joint Permit Application Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC Susquehanna County

ATTACHMENT Q -2 MITIGATION PERMITTEE RESPONSIBLE SITE SPECIFIC PLAN (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

13.0 Financial Assurances

Performance Bond

FPR will establish a performance bond to ensure that PRM Site construction is completed and all success criteria are met. A sample performance bond is provided in Appendix H: Performance Bond. The financial assurance mechanism will be a surety bond for each PRM Site that will cover construction, maintenance and monitoring costs associated with each PRM Site, and will take effect 60 days after approval of the joint permit. The performance bonding entity has a rating of A+ (A.M. Best Ratings, 2010).

After construction of the PRM Site is completed and the as-built plans are approved by the PADEP and USACE, the bond will be reduced by 70 percent the first year the project meets its hydrologic performance standard. For each subsequent monitoring and maintenance year that demonstrates the PRM Site is meeting its hydrologic performance standard, the remaining 30 percent of the bond will reduce by a proportional amount over the remaining monitoring years. The bond will be closed once all performance standards are met, and final sign-off on the PRM Site has been provided by the USACE and PA DEP. The following table presents the performance bond release schedule and target milestones.

Table 7: Performance Bond Release Schedule and Target Milestones					
Type of Financial Instrument Used	Project Phase Covered	Specific Items Covered	Amount Reduced	Amount Available	Explanation
Surety Bond	Construction/ Development	Construction	0%	100%	100% of funds remain in-place until construction is complete
		Hydrologic Performance Standard First Attained	70%	30%	The first year the PRM Site attains its hydrologic performance standard 70% of the Bond amount is reduced
	Maintenance and Monitoring	Year 1-7 Maintenance and Monitoring Reporting	30%	0%	The remaining 30% of the Bond will cover Maintenance, Monitoring and Reporting for the remaining active phase of the PRM Site

Long-term Stewardship Funding

Prior to construction of the Project, the Permittee will deposit \$35,000 into an escrow account to cover long-term stewardship of the PRM Site. These funds are sufficient to cover the full cost of long-term stewardship activities for the entire PRM Site. The total sum for this escrow amount includes all expenses for long-term management and allocates funds for invasive species management contingency funds.