

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

OVERSIGHT AND SAFETY DIVISION

Guidance for Natural Gas Operators/Economic Operators

T-4 Permit Applications Beginning March 1, 2015

Regarding Requested Pipeline Classification

(Private v. Gas Utility)

Beginning with Form T-4's *Application for Permit to Operate a Pipeline in Texas* received on and after March 1, 2015, the applicant will request the pipeline classification of either Private or Gas Utility (for natural gas pipelines) or Private or Common Carrier (for non-natural gas pipelines). When a permit is granted it will state the pipeline classification.

The following guidance is intended for natural gas pipelines only.

Note: If any portion of the rights-of-way associated with the permit application have or had condemnation in any location(s) when the pipeline was initially laid, the Operator/Economic Operator will be classified as a gas utility.

- If the applicant is currently classified as a gas utility, request the pipeline classification of gas utility, as all of the T-4 Permits operated by a gas utility will be gas utility; there is no mixing of gas utility and private status within the entity being recognized as a gas utility.
- If requesting the pipeline classification of 'Gas Utility', and you are not currently a gas utility, indicate Intrastate on question 2 (a) and "No" on question 2 (f), with the appropriate additional selection below.
- If requesting the pipeline classification of 'Private' and you indicated Intrastate on question 2 (a) and "No" on question 2 (f), with the appropriate additional selection below, attach a properly completed **Non-Utility Certificate** to the application.
- If requesting the pipeline classification of 'Private' and you indicated Intrastate on question 2 (a) and "Yes" on question 2 (f) (and you are not currently classified as a gas utility), do not attach a Non-Utility Certificate.

Regarding the *Non-Utility Certificate*, if you have any questions related to Texas Utilities Code §121.005 and the certification process, contact Gas Services department at 512-463-7022.