

One Hundred Seventh Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,
the twenty-third day of January, two thousand and two*

An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. PERMITS FOR EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior may issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines that exist as of September 1, 2001, within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

(b) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—A permit issued under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) issued consistent with laws and regulations generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within units of the National Park System; and

(2) subject to any terms and conditions that the Secretary deems necessary.

SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior may issue right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines within the boundary of Great Smoky Mountains National Park that are proposed to be constructed across the following:

(1) The Foothills Parkway.

(2) The Foothills Parkway Spur between Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg.

(3) The Gatlinburg Bypass.

(b) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—A permit issued under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) issued consistent with laws and regulations generally applicable to utility rights-of-way within units of the National Park System; and

(2) subject to any terms and conditions that the Secretary deems necessary, including—

(A) provisions for the protection and restoration of park resources that are disturbed by pipeline construction; and

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(B) assurances that construction and operation of the pipeline will not adversely affect Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*