



*Expanded Gas Products Service
to Agriculture Fund (Ag/Gas)*



Program Overview

- Allows the owner of an eligible project to pay for excess infrastructure costs associated with the eligible project
- Allows the owner of an eligible project to pay for cost-effective alternatives that would reduce excess infrastructure costs, including relocating equipment and adding supplemental uses of natural gas or propane



Allocation/Use of Funds

- The Secretary of Commerce shall transfer from the Utility Account at least five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per biennium
- If funds appropriated for the Job Development Investment Grant (JDIG), the One North Carolina Fund, or a combination of these programs remain unexpended and unencumbered at the end of the fiscal year, those unexpended and unencumbered funds shall be used to reimburse the Utility Account
- Funds are disbursed directly to the owner of the eligible project



Eligible Activities (Agriculture Defined)



- Activities defined in G.S. 106-581.1
- Including, but not limited to:
 - The cultivation of soil for the production and harvesting of crops
 - The planting and production of trees and timber
 - Dairying and the raising, management, care and training of livestock, including horses, bees, poultry, and other animals for individual and public use, consumption and marketing
 - The marketing and selling of agricultural products, agritourism, the storage and use of materials for agricultural purposes, packing, treating, processing, sorting, storage and other activities performed to add value to crops, livestock and agricultural items produced on the farm



Eligible Project



- Original language: “A discrete and specific economic development project that would *expand agricultural production or processing capabilities* that requires new or expanded natural gas or propane gas service”
- Amended July 26, 2016 (SB 770) - An Act to Provide Further Regulatory Relief to the Agricultural Community: “A discrete and specific economic development project for an agricultural operation or agricultural processing facility *that requests* natural gas or propane gas service”



Awards and Applications in Process



Date	Grantee	County	Amount	Gas Type	Operation
June, 2015	Harrington and Son's Farms	Lee	\$287,880	Natural	Tobacco curing
Sept., 2015	Carter Farms	Moore	\$107,205	Propane	Tobacco curing
Nov., 2015	Rains Farms	Johnston	\$127,893.69	Propane	Tobacco curing
May, 2016	Gross Farms	Lee	\$137,410	Propane	Tobacco curing
August, 2016	Optima KV	Duplin	\$1,500,000	Natural	Swine waste to renewable energy
Nov., 2016	Mountain View Poultry	Surry	\$766,600	Natural	Poultry houses
Total Awards			\$2,926,988.69		

Date	Applicant	County	Amount	Gas Type	Operation
TBD	Jackson Farms	Sampson	\$1,715,980	Natural	Tobacco/Sweet potatoes

