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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMITS FOR EXISTING NATURAL GAS PIPE-**
2 **LINES.**

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

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

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

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

14 **SEC. 2. PERMITS FOR PROPOSED NATURAL GAS PIPELINES.**

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

19 (1) The Foothills Parkway.

20 (2) The Foothills Parkway Spur between Pi-
21 geon Forge and Gatlinburg.

22 (3) The Gatlinburg Bypass.

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

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

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

6 (A) provisions for the protection and res-
7 toration of park resources that are disturbed by
8 pipeline construction; and

9 (B) assurances that construction and oper-
10 ation of the pipeline will not adversely affect
11 Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Passed the House of Representatives July 8, 2002.

Attest:

Clerk.