# Notice on Issuing Rules for the Implementation of Parallel Approval for Public Utility Transmission Line Works in Guangzhou (Trial)

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To Municipal Government Affairs Data Administration, all District Governments, Guangzhou Power Supply Co., Ltd., Guangzhou Water Supply Co., Ltd., Guangzhou Gas Group Co., Ltd., and all relevant enterprises:

In order to consistently improve the business environment in Guangzhou, according to the work arrangement by the municipal Party Committee and municipal government, and based on the *Measures for Further Optimizing Business Environment in Guangzhou*, Implementation Plan for Further Optimizing Electric Power Related Business Environment in Guangzhou, Implementation Plan for Optimizing Access to Water in Guangzhou, Work Plan for Optimizing Business Environment for Gas Access in Guangzhou and other official documents, the Rules for the Implementation of Parallel Approval for Public Utility Transmission Line Works in Guangzhou (Trial) is hereby issued to you for conscientious implementation.

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In order to implement the requirements of the CPC Central Committee and State Council for consolidating the reform toward "streamlining the government, delegating power, and improving government services" and optimizing the business environment, to continuously promote such optimization, and to increase the government's work efficiency in the administrative examinations and approvals regarding transmission line works for electric, water and gas access, we hereby formulate the following rules in accordance with *Measures for Further Optimizing Business Environment in Guangzhou, Implementation Plan for Further Optimizing Electric Power Related Business Environment in Guangzhou, and Work Plan for Optimizing Business Environment for Gas Access in Guangzhou, as well as Implementation Opinions of the General Office of the State Council on the Comprehensive Reform of the Examination and Approval System for Engineering Construction Projects (GBF [2019] No. 11).* 

### **1. Scope of Application**

All electrical transmission line works at and below 20 kV, new and expansion works of water access program, medium- and low-pressure natural gas transmission line works within the City of Guangzhou.

#### 2. Examination and Approval Departments

Municipal and district public security, planning & natural resources, traffic & transportation, water, forestry & landscaping departments

#### 3. Specific Projects Subject to Parallel Approvals

Construction project planning (municipal public works); traffic management plan for road occupying construction; occupation and excavation of urban roads; installation of cables and other facilities through highway bridges, highway tunnels, culverts; installation of overhead or underground pipelines and cables within land designated for public road use; occupation and excavation of land designated for public road use or roadway relocation due to the construction of railway, airport, power supply facility, water conservancy facility, communication facility, and other construction projects; bridge/aqueduct construction or pipeline/cable installation and laying, and other such infrastructure projects across public roadways; laying pipelines, cables and other facilities within highway construction control zones; occupation of urban green belts; cutting and removing urban trees; plans for new projects, expansion projects and reconstruction projects within the management and protection area of water conservancy project; production and operation activities within the management area of water conservancy project; occupation and interruption of water sources and engineering facilities for agricultural irrigation and drainage; water and soil conservation plan for production and construction project; and flood impact assessment.

# 4. Division of Duties and Responsibilities among Functional Departments

4.1. The public security department is responsible for the examination and approval of the traffic management plan for road occupying constructions.

4.2. The planning and natural resources department is responsible for issuing construction project planning permits.

4.3. The transportation department is responsible for the examination and approval of: occupation and excavation of urban road; occupation and excavation of land designated for public road use or roadway relocation due to the construction of railway, airport, power supply facility, water conservancy facility, communication facility, and other construction projects; installation of cables and other facilities through highway bridge, highway tunnel and culvert; installation of overhead or underground pipelines and cables within land designated for public road use; bridge/aqueduct construction or pipeline/cable installation and laying, and other such infrastructure projects across public roadways; and laying pipelines, cables and other facilities within highway construction control zones.

4.4. The water department is responsible for the examination and approval of: plans for new projects, expansion projects and reconstruction projects within the management and protection area of water conservancy project; relocation and destruction of water conservancy facilities; occupation of water sources, irrigation and drainage facilities; production and operation activities within the management area of water conservancy project; water and soil conservation plan for production and construction project; and flood impact assessment.

4.5. The forestry and landscaping department is responsible for the examination and approval of: the occupation of urban green space; the felling and relocation of urban trees.

4.6. The government affairs service department is responsible for the case acceptance, case distribution, and final approval document delivery; and responsible for the development of joint approval platform for engineering construction projects in Guangzhou, as well as coordination with other departments, following the principle of integrated administrative service.

4.7. Departments of industry & information technology, water management, and city management shall work with relevant power, water, and gas access examination and approval departments, urging them to complete the joint examination and approval on time, helping to solve relevant problems encountered.

## 5. Division of Duties and Responsibilities among Administrative Regions

5.1. Construction project planning permit

5.1.1. The Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau is responsible for cross-district and key municipal infrastructure construction projects;

5.1.2. Each sub-bureau is responsible for other municipal infrastructure construction projects (except for Zengcheng District Sub-bureau) within its jurisdiction except cross-district and key municipal infrastructure construction projects; Zengcheng District Sub-bureau is responsible for issuing construction project planning permits except for cross-district municipal infrastructure construction projects.

5.2. Review of the traffic management plan for road-occupying construction

5.2.1. The Municipal Public Security Bureau is responsible for the examination and approval of the applications for road occupying construction within Yuexiu, Haizhu, Liwan, Tianhe and Baiyun Districts, including the highway and inner ring road within the municipal area.

5.2.2. The traffic management department of the public security bureau in each district is responsible for the examination and approval of the applications for road occupying construction (except highway) within Huangpu, Panyu, Huadu, Nansha, Zengcheng and Conghua Districts.

5.3. Municipal-level examinations and approvals of urban road occupation and excavation

5.3.1. Examinations and approvals by the Municipal Transportation Bureau:

5.3.1.1. Municipal roads (including bridges, overpasses, and tunnels): including Haizhu Bridge, Renmin Bridge, Guangzhou Bridge, Haiyin Bridge, Jiangwan Bridge, Jiefang Bridge, Hedong Bridge (including Changgang and Guangzhong Overpasses), Pazhou Bridge, Zhujiang Tunnel, Luntou Tunnel, Zhoutouzui Tunnel, inner ring road overpass (including its connecting ramps and radial overpass lines), Donghaochong Overpass, Renmin Road Overpass, Tongdewei Overpass, and Liede Bridge.

5.3.1.2. Highway: Guangyuan highway, Xinguang highway, Xinhua highway, Nansha Port highway, Huanglan highway (Nansha Port Feeder highway), Panyu Bridge, and phase I, phase II and phase III of South China highway.

5.3.1.3. BRT Exclusive Lanes.

5.3.2. Examinations and approvals by district-level administration department: urban roads in its jurisdiction other than those listed above.

5.4. Examinations and approvals of highway occupation and excavation

5.4.1. Examinations and approvals by the Municipal Transportation Bureau: superhighways within the scope of Guangzhou City, and national and provincial trunk highways.

5.4.2. Examinations and approvals by the local road management department: county roads and township roads within the jurisdiction.

5.5. Examinations and approvals of water and soil conservation plans for production and construction projects: the production and construction projects that which may cause soil and water erosion occupying an area of one hectare or more, or which may excavate and fill 10,000 cubic meters or more of earth & rock within mountainous areas, hilly areas and other areas deemed prone to soil and water erosion in soil and water conservation planning.

5.5.1. The Municipal Water Authority is responsible for the examinations and approvals of the water and soil conservation plans for provincial projects (exclusive of cross-city projects), municipal projects (excluding projects in Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone, Zengcheng Development Zone, and Airport Economic Zone) and cross-district production and construction projects.

5.5.2. The administrative examinations and approvals of the water and soil conservation plans for the production and construction projects within districts and approved by the municipal or district level within Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone (Nansha Regions of the Free Trade Zone), Zengcheng Development Zone and Airport Economic Zone shall be carried out by the functional departments of the corresponding economic zone or administrative region.

5.5.3. The water and soil conservation plans for district-approved production and construction projects shall be examined and approved by the corresponding district-level water authorities.

5.5.4. The water and soil conservation plans for the production and construction projects across administrative regions shall be approved by the higher department of water administration.

5.6. Examinations and approvals of occupation of water sources, irrigation and drainage facilities affecting agricultural irrigation

5.6.1. The Municipal Water Authority is responsible for the examinations and approvals of the interruption of water sources and engineering facilities related to agricultural irrigation and drainage within the municipal reservoirs and Liuxihe River Irrigation Area.

5.6.2. The channels in Liuxihe River Irrigation Area subject to the preliminary review by the District Water Bureau and to be approval by the Municipal Water Authority include:

(1) The channels between the Right Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and Liyuan Diversion Gate, wherein, Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels between the right main canal Intake Gate Outlet to Maya, and Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels from Maya to Liyuan Diversion Gate.

(2) The channels between the Left Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area. Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review.

(3) The Management Office of Lixi Barrage Irrigation Area is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels between the outlet of Lixi Main Channel intake gate and the First Inverted Siphon.

Channels to be approved by the District Water Bureau include:

(1) The downstream channels of the Liyuan Diversion Gate of Right Main Channel: Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for Huadu Main Channel, and Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the Right Main Channel. (2) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels of the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area of Left Main Channel.

(3) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels m of the First Inverted Siphon of Lixi Main Channel.

5.6.3. The District Water Bureau is responsible for the examinations and approvals of the plans for new construction, expansion and reconstruction projects within the management and protection area of water conservancy projects, except for those concerning municipal reservoirs and Liuxihe River Irrigation Area (as defined above).

5.7. Examinations and approvals of production and operation activities within the water conservancy project

5.7.1. The Municipal Water Authority is responsible for the examinations and approvals of production and operation activities within the management area of water conservancy projects concerning municipal reservoirs and Liuxihe River Irrigation Area.

The channels in Liuxihe River Irrigation Area subject to the preliminary review by the District Water Bureau and to be approved by the Municipal Water Authority include:

(1) The channels between the Right Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and Liyuan Diversion Gate. Wherein, Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels from the Right Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet to Maya, and Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels from Maya to Liyuan Diversion Gate.

(2) The channels between the Left Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area. Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review.

(3) The Management Office of Lixi Barrage Irrigation Area is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels between the Lixi Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and the First Inverted Siphon.

Channels to be approved by the District Water Bureau include:

(1) The downstream channels of the Liyuan Diversion Gate of Right Main Channel: Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for the Huadu Main Channel, and Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the Right Main Channel.

(2) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels of the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area of Left Main Channel.

(3) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels of the First Inverted Siphon of Lixi Main Channel.

5.7.2. The District Water Bureau is responsible for the examinations and approvals of production and operation activities within the management area of water conservancy projects except for those concerning municipal reservoirs and Liuxihe River Irrigation Area (as defined above).

5.8. Examinations and approvals of plans for new construction, expansion, and reconstruction projects within the management and protection area of water conservancy projects

5.8.1. The Municipal Water Authority is responsible for the examinations and approvals of the building plans for new construction, expansion or reconstruction projects within the management and protection area of municipal reservoirs, Liuxihe River Irrigation Area and other such water conservancy projects.

The channels in Liuxihe River Irrigation Area subject to the preliminary review by the District Water Bureau and to be approved by the Municipal Water Authority include:

(1) The channels between the Right Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and Liyuan Diversion Gate. Wherein, Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels from the Right Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet to Maya, and Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels from Maya to Liyuan Diversion Gate.

(2) The channels between the Left Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area. Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review.

(3) The Management Office of Lixi Barrage Irrigation Area is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels between the Lixi Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and the First Inverted Siphon.

Channels to be approved by the District Water Bureau include:

(1) The downstream channels of the Liyuan Diversion Gate of Right Main Channel: Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for Huadu Main Channel, and Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the Right Main Channel.

(2) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels of the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area of Left Main Channel.

(3) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels of the First Inverted Siphon of Lixi Main Channel.

5.8.2. The District Water Bureau is responsible for the examinations and approvals of building plans for new construction, expansion and reconstruction projects within the management and protection area of water conservancy projects, except for those concerning municipal reservoirs and Liuxihe River Irrigation Area (as defined above).

5.8.3. The master plans for new construction, reconstruction and expansion projects within the management and protection area of the Xijiang-River-to-Guangzhou Water Diversion Project shall be approved by Baiyun District Water Bureau.

5.9. Examinations and approvals of work projects involving relocation of or damage to water conservancy infrastructures

5.9.1. The Municipal Water Authority is responsible for the examinations

and approvals of work projects involving relocation of or damage to water conservancy infrastructures located within the scope of municipal reservoirs and Liuxihe River Irrigation Area.

The channels in Liuxihe River Irrigation Area subject to the preliminary review by the District Water Bureau and approval by the Municipal Water Authority include:

(1) The channels between the Right Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and Liyuan Diversion Gate, wherein, Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels between the right main canal Intake Gate Outlet to Maya, and Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels from Maya to Liyuan Diversion Gate.

(2) The channels between the Left Main Channel Intake Gate Outlet and the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area, for the preliminary review of which the Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible.

(3) The Management Office of Lixi Barrage Irrigation Area is responsible for the preliminary review of the channels between the outlet of Lixi Main Channel intake gate and the First Inverted Siphon.

Channels to be approved by the District Water Bureau:

(1) The downstream channels of the Liyuan Diversion Gate of Right Main Channel: Huadu District Water Bureau is responsible for Huadu Main Channel, and Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the Right Main Channel.

(2) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels of the Fertile Farmland Management Office of Liuxihe River Irrigation Area of Left Main Channel.

(3) Baiyun District Water Bureau is responsible for the downstream channels m of the First Inverted Siphon of Lixi Main Channel.

5.9.2. The District Water Bureau is responsible for the examinations and approvals of work projects involving relocation of and damage to water conservancy infrastructures located beyond the scope of municipal reservoirs or Liuxihe River Irrigation Area (as defined above).

5.10. Examinations and approvals of flood impact assessment

5.10.1. Segments of the Baidi River and the mainstream of the Pearl River in Guangzhou, namely within the administrative region of this Municipality, shall be managed by the municipal water administration department in accordance with the authority granted by the Provincial People's Government;

5.10.2. The main streams of the Liuxihe River and the Xinjie River shall be managed by the municipal water administration department;

5.10.3. The river courses and river branches bordering districts or county-level cities shall be managed by the municipal water administration department;

5.10.4. Rivers courses and river branches other than those mentioned in Items

1, 2 and 3 above shall be managed by the water administration department of the corresponding district or county-level city in accordance with the principle of territoriality.

5.11. Examinations and approvals of urban green space occupation

5.11.1. The Municipal Forestry and Landscaping Bureau is responsible for and approvals of the temporary occupation the examinations of municipal-governed public green space of less than 7,000 square meters due to urban and rural construction or urban and rural infrastructure maintenance, include those on segments of Baiyun Avenue (the Middle Guangyuan Road to the junction with Tongtai Road), Dajinzhong Road (Baiyun Avenue to Guangyuan Road), Tongtai Road (Baiyun Avenue to the junction with Yunxiang Road), Guangzhou Avenue (the West Yudong Road to the original toll station of Guangzhou Bridge), Dongfeng Road (the east end of the West Inner Ring Road to the west end of the First Zhongshan Flyover), Ring Road (the junction with the West Guangyuan Road to the west of Tianhe Flyover), Keyun Road (Guangzhou Qiao Kang Hospital to the bottom of Guanzhou Beiyuan Bridge), Linjiang Avenue (the east end of Guangzhou Bridge to the bottom of Pazhou Bridge), Ersha Island (Zhudao Hotel to the east green land of Ersha Island), and municipal scenic areas or parks (Baiyun Mountain Scenic Area, Yuexiu Park, Liuhuahu Park, Guangzhou Zoo, Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, Huanghuagang Park, Zhujiang Park, Municipal Children's Park).

5.11.2. The district greening administration is responsible for the examinations and approvals of the temporary occupation of public green space under 7,000 square meters due to urban and rural construction or urban and rural infrastructure maintenance in places other than those listed in Paragraph 1 of this section.

5.11.3. Applications for temporary occupation of municipal green space of more than 7,000 square meters due to urban and rural construction or urban and rural infrastructure maintenance shall be accepted and reviewed by the municipal greening administration if the green space is within the scope specified in Paragraph 1 of this section, and then reported to the Municipal People's Government for approval, or shall be accepted by the district greening administration if the green space is beyond the scope specified in Paragraph 1, then reported to the municipal greening administration for review, and forwarded to the Municipal People's Government for approval.

5.11.4. If the green space to be temporarily occupied due to urban and rural construction or urban and rural infrastructure maintenance is located in Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone (Nansha Area of Free Trade Zone) or Zengcheng Development Zone, the application shall be examined and approved by the relevant authority of the corresponding Zone.

5.12. Examinations and approvals of felling and relocation of urban trees

5.12.1. The Municipal Forestry and Landscaping Bureau is responsible for the examinations and approvals of the applications for felling, transplanting and pruning trees in the municipal green spaces, including those on segments of Baiyun Avenue (the Middle Guangyuan Road to the junction with Tongtai Road), Dajinzhong Road (Baiyun Avenue to Guangyuan Road), Tongtai Road (Baiyun Avenue to the junction with Yunxiang Road), Guangzhou Avenue (the West Yudong Road to the original toll station of Guangzhou Bridge), Dongfeng Road (the east end of the West Inner Ring Road to the west end of the First Zhongshan Flyover), Ring Road (the junction with the West Guangyuan Road to the west of Tianhe Flyover), Keyun Road (Guangzhou Qiaokang Hospital to the bottom of Guanzhou Beiyuan Bridge), Linjiang Avenue (the east end of Guangzhou Bridge to the bottom of Pazhou Bridge), Ersha Island (Zhudao Hotel to the east green land of Ersha Island), and municipal scenic areas or parks (Baiyun Mountain Scenic Area, Yuexiu Park, Liuhuahu Park, Guangzhou Zoo, Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, Huanghuagang Park, Zhujiang Park, Municipal Children's Park).

5.12.2. Applications for felling, transplanting and pruning trees (involving ancient or precious trees or their follow-up resources) within the municipal area, excluding Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone (Nansha Area of Free Trade Zone) and Zengcheng Development Zone, shall be accepted by the district greening administration, and then submitted along with its review comments and affixed with official seal to the municipal greening administration for approval. Applications for felling, transplanting and pruning trees (involving ancient or precious trees or their follow-up resources) within Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone (Nansha Area of Free Trade Zone) and Zengcheng Development Zone (Nansha Area of Free Trade Zone) and Zengcheng Development Zone shall be accepted, examined and approved by relevant authorities of the corresponding Zones.

5.12.3. Applications for felling and transplanting trees (not involving any ancient or precious trees or their follow-up resources) within the municipal area, excluding Zengcheng District, Conghua District, Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone (Nansha Area of Free Trade Zone) and Zengcheng Development Zone, shall be accepted and approved by the Municipal Forestry and Landscaping Bureau if the number of trees involved exceeds 19 and they are located outside the scope specified in Paragraph 1 of this section,

5.12.4. Applications for felling and transplanting trees (not involving any ancient or precious trees or their follow-up resources) within the municipal area, excluding Zengcheng District, Conghua District, Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone (Nansha Area of Free Trade Zone) and Zengcheng Development Zone), shall be accepted and approved by the district greening administration if the number of trees involved is below 20 and they are located outside the scope as specified in Paragraph 1 of this section,

5.12.5. Applications for felling and transplanting trees (not involving any ancient or precious trees or their follow-up resources) within Zengcheng District, Conghua District, Guangzhou Development Zone, Nansha Development Zone (Nansha Area of Free Trade Zone) and Zengcheng Development Zone shall be accepted and approved by the district greening administration.

5.12.6. Applications for pruning tree branches (not involving any ancient or precious trees or their follow-up resources) of more than 5 cm in diameter shall be accepted and approved by the district greening administration.

#### 6. Approval Timeline

The total processing time for parallel approval is capped at five workdays.

The above processing timeline is calculated from the second workday after

the municipal administrative service issues the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Application/Materials to the applicant, excluding the time required for the public disclosure or notarization before approval.

#### 7. Handling Procedures

7.1. Procedures for accepting applications

#### 7.1.1. Online application

The applicant shall prepare the application materials, log in to the related Online Service Center, select the case category, fill out the online application form, upload the required application materials, select the method and address for receiving processed documents (the address for picking up the documents at the government service center is "Municipal/District Administrative Service Center"), and click "Submit" to complete the online application.

#### 7.1.2. On-site Submission at Administrative Service Center

After the online application is accepted, the application form will be made available for printing. The applicant shall bring all the required original documents as indicated in the service guide to the Municipal/District Administrative Service Center and submit them at the general service window for application. In the cases when only scanned or electronic copies of documents are required and are already submitted online, there is no need to submit the hard copies at the service center.

## 7.1.3. Application processing

The Municipal Administrative Service Center accepts municipal-level cases, or the related joint approval district-level cases; District Administrative Service Center accepts district-level cases, or related joint approval municipal-level cases, other than cross-district cases.

Upon receipt of the application materials from the applicant, the staff at the Municipal/District Administrative Service Center shall conduct a formal review on whether the application materials (including those submitted online) are submitted as required, decide on whether to accept and application or not, and then notify the applicant about the decision through the messaging system. If the submission is rejected, reasons shall be provided with the notification message.

# 7.1.4. Case circulation

(1) Upon acceptance of the application, the Municipal Administrative Service Center shall forward the online application documents for process through the joint approval system to relevant approval departments of municipal public security, planning and natural resources, housing and urban-rural development, transportation, water, and forestry and landscaping. The Municipal Administrative Service Center shall forward the online application material to relevant approval departments according to the division of responsibilities between city and district departments.

Hard-copy application documents submitted at the Municipal Administrative Service Center shall be collected by the responsible departments for approval processing Once processed, the final approval documents shall be sent by the same examination department to the Municipal Administrative Service Center for delivery.

(2) Upon acceptance of the application, the district Administrative Service Center shall forward the application for process (including online and on-site hard-copy application materials) to relevant approval departments of district public security, planning, and natural resources, housing and urban-rural development, transportation, water, and forestry and landscaping. The District Administrative Service Center shall forward the material to relevant approval departments according to the division of responsibilities between city and district departments, .

Hard-copy application materials shall be collected by the specific examination and approval department at the District Administrative Service Center. Once processed, the final approval documents shall be sent by the same examination department to the District Administrative Service Center for delivery.

7.2. Insufficient documentation rectification procedures

In the cases of insufficient application documents, review comments on material supplement and correction shall be issued by the examination and approval departments and forwarded to the staff at the Municipal/District Administrative Service Center for issuing the *Notice on Material Supplement and Correction*.

7.3. Approval procedures

7.3.1. Application processing for construction project planning permit

The Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau (District Planning and Natural Resources Sub-bureau) shall complete the examinations and approvals within four workdays after the acceptance of the case by providing assessment remarks in the joint examination and approval system, uploading the examination and approval results together with the electronic permits/licenses to the unified electronic permit & license database of the city (accessible at the joint examination and approval system), and forwarding the final approval documents or permit/license to the general delivery window of Municipal/District Administrative Service Center.

7.3.2. Reviewing of traffic organization plan for road-occupying construction

The Municipal Public Security Bureau (District Public Security Sub-bureau) shall complete the examinations and approvals within five workdays after accepting the case by providing assessment remarks in the joint examination and approval system. If the application is received at the government service center, the final approval documents or permit/license shall be forwarded to the general delivery window of Municipal/District Administrative Service Center.

7.3.3. Permission for road excavation

The Municipal Transportation Bureau (District Road Management Department) shall complete the examinations and approvals of the urban road occupation and excavation permit or the highway occupation and excavation permit within five workdays after accepting the case by providing assessment remarks through the joint examination and approval system, uploading the examination and approval results together with the electronic permits/licenses to the unified electronic permit & license database of the city (accessible on the joint examination and approval platform), and forwarding the final approval documents or permit/license to the general delivery window of Municipal/District Administrative Service Center.

7.3.4. Permission for green space occupation; felling and relocation of urban trees

The Municipal Forestry and Landscaping Bureau (District Forestry and landscaping Department) shall complete the examinations and approvals within five workdays after accepting the case by providing assessment remarks in the joint examination and approval system, uploading the examination and approval results after the approval of the construction project planning permit has been confirmed together with the electronic permits/licenses to the unified electronic permit & license database of the city (accessible at the joint examination and approval system), and forwarding the final approval documents or permit/license to the general delivery window of Municipal/District Administrative Service Center.

#### 7.3.5. Permission for water conservancy projects

The Municipal Water Authority (District Water Department) shall, within five workdays after accepting the case, complete the examinations and approvals of the following categories: the production and operation activities within the management area of water conservancy project; the plans for new construction, expansion and reconstruction projects within the management and protection area of water conservancy project; the interruption of water sources and engineering facilities for agricultural irrigation and drainage; the water and soil conservation plans for production and construction projects; and the flood impact assessment. The Municipal Water Authority (District Water Department) shall provide assessment remarks in the joint approval system, upload the examination and approval results together with the electronic permits/licenses to the unified electronic permit & license database of the city (accessible at the joint examination and approval system), and forward the final approval documents or permit/license to the general delivery window of Municipal/District Administrative Service Center.

#### 7.3.6. Delivery

If the applicant chooses to collect the approval documents at the government service center, the general delivery window of the Municipal/District Administrative Service Center shall, within 0.5 workdays after receiving the final approval documents or permit/license, sign the acknowledgment of receipt thereof in the unified general acceptance system, and notify the applicant through this system to collect the documents.

If the applicant chooses postal delivery for approval documents collection, the general delivery window of the Municipal/District Administrative Service Center shall deliver the approval documents by post within 0.5 workdays after receiving all the final approval documents or permit/license.

## 8. Other Requirements

8.1. During the parallel examinations and approvals, when items for examination and approval are partially approved, if the approval results of other departments is a prerequisite and such a prerequisite is not met, subsequent approval items may be terminated, but items which have already been processed will not be affected.

#### 8.2. Sharing of approval materials

At this stage, if the approval items are reviewed in sequence and the approval result of one item is deemed as prerequisite for the next, the parallel approval departments will conduct the review through sharing approval materials on the joint approval system, and there is no need for the applicant to submit any such documents. Applicable examinations and approvals include: the construction project planning permit to be issued by the planning and natural resources department; the road occupation and excavation permit to be issued by the transportation department; and green space occupation permit or urban tree felling and relocation permit to be issued by the forestry and landscaping department.

8.3. Authorization for municipal and district administrative data departments to process applications

According to the online processing principle of "Unified Collection, Unified Delivery, Data Sharing, and Synchronous Approval", the municipal and district administrative service windows are authorized to receive application materials for approval items which are accepted and processed by the municipal and district public security, planning and natural resources, housing and urban-rural development, transportation, water, forestry, and landscaping departments as the case may require.

#### 8.4. Miscellaneous

For the administrative examinations and approvals of the power, water, and gas access projects, advice from governing authorities is not a prerequisite. If subway routes or cultural relics protective areas are involved, advice from competent rail transportation or cultural relics authorities shall be sought before construction is allowed to begin. The competent authorities of the industry involved shall urge the constructor and the designer to strengthen the quality control of the design, improve the design level, make full use of the integrated platform for planning examination and validation, and coordinate in advance to ensure that the design proposal can meet the requirements of urban planning.

#### **9. Implementation Date**

These Rules shall be put into tentative implementation from the date of promulgation. During the tentative implementation, if an application meets the conditions of parallel examination and approval, the applicant should file this application for parallel examination and approval as per these Rules. Applications for engineering construction projects or for changing administrative approval items submitted and in process prior to the date of promulgation of these Rules shall be reviewed in the original manner and not be affected by these Rules herein. Guangzhou Municipal Industry and Information Technology Bureau Guangzhou Municipal Water Authority Guangzhou City Management and Law Enforcement Bureau Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau Guangzhou Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau Guangzhou Municipal Transportation Bureau Guangzhou Municipal Forestry and Landscaping Bureau April 19, 2019