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Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
Docket No. CP14-17-000
§ 375.308(x)

March 13, 2015

Tyler R. Brown
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Re: Partial Notice to Proceed with Construction Activities

Dear Mr. Brown:

I grant your March 4, 2015 request for Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) to begin certain construction activities for the East Side Expansion Project. This approval includes all certificated construction activities in uplands associated with Line 1278 Loop in Chester County, Pennsylvania, including previously excluded tract ALT1-PA-CH-035.00. This approval for the Line 1278 Loop **excludes** construction activities in all wetlands, as specified in the table on page 2 of this letter.

I also grant your request to begin limited work at the Easton Compressor Station in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, as described in Columbia's March 9, 2015 filing. The approved activities at the Easton Compressor Station include site preparation activities and the preparation and use of the adjacent construction laydown yard. Columbia is **not authorized** to construct compressors or compressor buildings, including foundations.

In considering your request, we have determined that Columbia's Implementation Plan filed on December 30, 2014, and supplemental filings dated January 28, February 12, and February 18, 2015, provided the information necessary to meet the pre-construction conditions in the Commission's December 18, 2014 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) issued in the above-referenced docket, for the approved activities herein. In addition, we have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the work associated with this approval.

TABLE 1: Line 1278 Loop Construction Exclusion Areas for Wetlands		
Beginning milepost	Ending milepost	Wetland avoided
0.30 (property line)	0.55 (parking lot)	W225PA, S200PA, W201PA, W202PA
1.28 (AR-PA-CH-002)	2.20 (HDD workspace)	W205PA, S203PA, W206PA, W207PA, S205PA
2.36 (HDD workspace)	2.80 (HDD workspace)	W203PA, S201PA
3.55 (property line)	3.59 (property line)	S202PA
4.30 (HDD workspace)	4.90 (HDD workspace)	S206PA, W208PA, S207PA, S208BPA, S208PA, W211PA
5.02 (two-track road)	6.15 (driveway/parking lot)	W231PA, S226PA, W230PA, S211PA, S3ALT, S2ALT, S401PA, SWA400PA, S400PA
6.35 (AR-PA-CH-008A)	6.70 (ballfield)	W400PA, S402PA
7.01 (parking lot)	7.08 (school bus parking area)	S300PA
7.10 (school bus parking area)	7.21 (property line)	W401PA, S300CPA
7.67 (property line)	8.16 (parking lot)	W300PA, S216PA, W214PA
8.0	8.15	W400PA and W214PA
9.00 (AR-PA-CH-015)	9.40 (Poorhouse Road)	S220PA, S219PA, W215PA

I remind you that Columbia must continue to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of the Commission's Order. Additionally, Columbia is reminded that it may not discharge hydrostatic test water until the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for discharge of hydrostatic test water has been issued.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please call Ellen Saint Onge at (202) 502-6726.

Sincerely,

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