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January 15, 2009

Mr. Byron Coy  
Regional Director – Eastern Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
409-3rd Street, S.W., Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20024

**RE: Columbia Gas Transmission CPF 1-2008-1007M**

Dear Mr. Coy:

Columbia Gas Transmission (Columbia) has reviewed the referenced Notice of Amendment dated December 22, 2008, and received January 5, 2009 concerning the incident at the Leesburg Valve Setting. In accordance with the options provided, Columbia provides the following response.

**CGT procedures do not adequately address steps to minimize the danger of accidental ignition in the presence of a hazardous amount of gas venting into open air near overhead electric transmission lines.**

Columbia has reviewed and modified the following Operations and Maintenance Manual Plans to include specific references to overhead electric transmission lines.

Plan 220.04.02 - Isolation, Blow Down and Purging of Gas Handling Facilities and Equipment

- Section 3.2 (F) and Section 3.6.4 were modified.

Plan 220.04.05 – Prevention of Accidental Ignition

- Section 3.3 and Section 3.5 were changed.

These changes were made effective 1/14/09. Copies of both Plans are enclosed.

Columbia submits these items as a full resolution of the notice of amendment.

Should you have any questions, please contact David Anderson, Manager of Compliance and Training (724-223-2766) or Mary Friend, Senior Engineer, Compliance (304-357-2475) or myself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Gaglio". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Senior Vice President of Operations  
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cc: Roger Given  
Bill Butterworth  
David Anderson

Enclosures