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of Transportation

**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration**

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 7, 2011

Victor Gaglio
Sr. Vice President of Operations and Engineering
Columbia Gas Transmission LLC
1700 MacCorkle Av., SE
Charleston, WV 25314

CPF 2-2010-1010S

Dear Mr. Gaglio:

On June 17, 2011, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Consent Order (Order) to Columbia Gas Transmission LLC (CGT) incorporating the terms of a Consent Agreement signed by PHMSA and CGT on February 11, 2011. The Consent Agreement resulted from a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) issued to CGT alleging that *"CGT's 20-inch natural gas 'Line P' pipeline or a portion thereof has an apparent condition that, without corrective measures, would pose a pipeline integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment."* Specifically, the Notice alleged that the conditions associated with a September 9, 2010 rupture that occurred on a section of approximately 10 miles of bare cathodically unprotected pipe located in Lawrence County, Kentucky required corrective measures to ensure safety.

The PHMSA Southern Region has received and reviewed CGT's letter of November 17, 2011, in which CGT summarized the actions it has taken to comply with the Order. Our review confirms that CGT has met the terms of the Order. Therefore, no further action is necessary with regards to this Order and this case is now closed. Accordingly, the pressure restriction on Line P is removed.

Please be advised that this letter refers only to the Consent Order (CPF 2-2010-1010S) and not to other PHMSA pending cases, if any. Also be advised that nothing herein states or implies that the above described Line P meets the requirements of the federal pipeline safety regulations. The pipeline system remains subject to inspection by PHMSA.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Lemoie
Director, Office of Pipeline
PHMSA Southern Region