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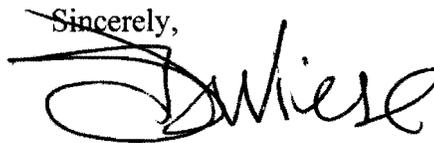
Mr. Victor Gaglio
Sr. Vice President of Operations and Engineering
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
1700 MacCorkle Avenue, SE
Charleston, WV 25314

Re: CPF No. 2-2010-1010S

Dear Mr. Gaglio:

Enclosed please find a Consent Order incorporating the terms of the Consent Agreement that you signed on February 11, 2011. Service of the Consent Order and Consent Agreement by certified mail is deemed effective upon the date of mailing, or as otherwise provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

~~Sincerely,~~


Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Alan Mayberry, Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations, Pipeline Safety
Mr. Wayne T. Lemoi, Director, Southern Region, PHMSA
Mr. Perry Michael Hoffman, Manager – System Integrity, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage

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PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

In the Matter of)
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Columbia Gas Transmission LLC,)

CPF No. 2-2010-1010S

Respondent.)
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CONSENT ORDER

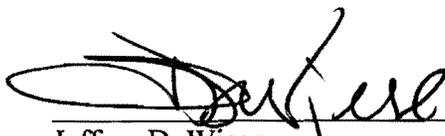
By letter dated September 20, 2010 the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Pipeline Safety issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) to Columbia Gas Transmission LLC (Respondent) in this case.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.239, the Notice alleged that Respondent's 20-inch natural gas "Line P" pipeline or portion thereof has an apparent condition that, without corrective measures, would pose a pipeline integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment and proposed that Respondent take certain actions to address the condition. 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.

In response to the Notice, Respondent requested an informal consultation and Respondent and PHMSA engaged in good faith settlement discussions resulting in the Consent Agreement attached to this Order that settles all of the allegations in the Notice.

Accordingly, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Order. The Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.* and 49 C.F.R § 190.221, failure to comply with this Consent Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$100,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement. The terms and conditions of this Consent Order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.



Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
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