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Mr. Allan C. Beshore
Director, Central Region, OPS
United States Department of Transportation
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901 Locust Street, Suite 462
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RE: CPF 3-2015-1001M Notice of Amendment – Columbia Gas Transmission LLC

Dear Mr. Beshore:

This letter is provided on behalf of Columbia Gas Transmission LLC. (Columbia Gas) in response to the Notice of Amendment CPF 1-2015-1001M (NOA), dated January 13, 2015. The NOA was issued following inspections conducted by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) during the week of February 24, 2015 of the Columbia Gas Crawford Compressor Station in Sugar Grove, Ohio. In accordance with Section II (a) of the Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings provided with the NOA, Columbia Gas submits this letter to notify you that it has revised its Operations and Maintenance manual to address the item in the NOA.

The language from the NOA is provided in bold, followed by the Columbia Gas response.

1. §192.805 Qualification program.

Each operator shall have and follow a written qualification program. The program shall include provisions to:

(h) After December 16, 2004, provide training, as appropriate, to ensure that individuals performing covered tasks have the necessary knowledge, and skills to perform the tasks in a manner that ensures the safe operation of pipeline facilities.

Columbia Gas Transmission’s Operator Qualification plan did not contain provisions to provide training, as appropriate, to ensure individuals performing covered tasks have the

necessary knowledge and skills to perform the tasks in a manner that ensures the safe operation of pipeline facilities.

Columbia Gas Response

Columbia Gas has updated its Operations and Maintenance Plan 80.01.01 entitled DOT Operator Qualification Program to address the concern raised in the NOA. Specifically, in March of 2014 (following the February 2014 inspection), Columbia Gas added Section H Training, to the plan to address this concern.

Columbia Gas believes that the revisions made to the plan discussed above addresses the concerns raised in the NOA.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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