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Mr. Bernard T. Walsh  
Vice President, Operations and Maintenance  
Columbia Gas Transmission  
P.O. Box 1273  
Charleston, WV 25325-1273

RE: CPF No. 16101

Dear Mr. Walsh:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violations. Columbia has already paid the applicable penalty of \$5,500 by check number 494289817. I acknowledge receipt of this check and close this case.

Thank you for your cooperation in our joint effort to ensure pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill  
Pipeline Compliance Registry  
Office of Pipeline Safety

cc: West Virginia Public Service Commission

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY  
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In the Matter of )  
)  
Columbia Gas Transmission, ) CPF No. 16101  
)  
Respondent. )  
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FINAL ORDER

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, representatives of the West Virginia Public Service Commission, acting as agent for the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's facilities and records at the Lanham Compressor Station. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Eastern Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated April 15, 1996, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. §190.207, the Notice proposed finding that Respondent had committed violations of 49 C.F.R. Part 192 and proposed assessment of a civil penalty of \$5,500 for those violations.

Respondent responded to the Notice by letter dated May 20, 1996 and submitted a check in the amount of the proposed penalty.

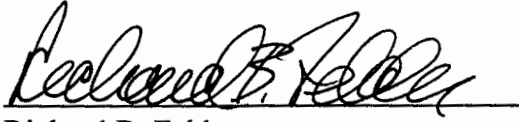
FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

Respondent did not contest the alleged violations. Accordingly, I find that Respondent committed the following violations of 49 C.F.R. Part 192 as more fully described in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. §192.465(d) -- failing to take prompt remedial action to repair a nonfunctioning ground bed at the Lanham Compressor Station.

49 C.F.R. §192.731(a) -- failing to inspect and test pressure relief devices in the Lanham Compressor Station as frequently as required.

These findings of violation will be considered prior offenses in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.



Richard B. Felder  
Associate Administrator  
For Pipeline Safety

Jan - 2 2011

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_