

SEP 23 2011

Mr. Victor Gaglio
Senior Vice President of Operations, NGT&S
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
1700 MacCorkle Avenue, S.E.
Charleston, WV 25314

Re: CPF No. 1-2011-1013S

Dear Mr. Gaglio:

Enclosed please find a Consent Order incorporating the terms of the Consent Agreement that you signed on September 19, 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. Byron Coy, Director, Eastern Region, PHMSA

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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In the Matter of)	
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Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC,)	CPF No. 1-2011-1013S
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Respondent.)	
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CONSENT ORDER

By letter dated July 6, 2011, 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 multiple conditions exist on the Millennium pipeline that, without corrective measures, would pose a pipeline integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment. Specifically, the Notice alleged that such conditions caused a loss of system integrity and a natural gas leak that was discovered on January 11, 2011 during a routine inspection in Tioga County, New York.

In response to the Notice, Respondent requested an informal consultation. 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 and Operator Plan is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Order. The Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the 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
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued