



U.S. Department
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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Mr. Shawn L. Patterson
President
Columbia Gas Transmission
1700 MacCorkle Avenue SE
Charleston, WV 25314

Re: CPF No. 2-2013-1005S

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Enclosed please find a Consent Order incorporating the terms of the Consent Agreement that you signed on November 21, 2013. 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. Wayne T. Lemoi, Director, Southern 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**

In the Matter of)

Columbia Gas Transmission LLC)

Respondent.)
_____)

CPF No. 2-2013-1005S

CONSENT ORDER


By letter dated August 20, 2013 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 Line PM-3 extending from Knott County, Kentucky and terminating at the Boldman Compressor Station in Pike County, Kentucky 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 approximately 1,357 feet of Line PM-3 is exposed and lying on (or suspended from) the hillside from approximately station 1406+00 to station 1419+57.

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.*, failure to comply with this Consent Order [2-2013-1005S] may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$200,000 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

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