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of Transportation

**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration**

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

June 25, 2014

Mr. Shawn L. Patterson
President, Operations & Product Delivery
Columbia Gas Transmission LLC
1700 MacCorkle Avenue SE
Charleston, WV 25314

CPF 2-2013-1005S

Dear Mr. Patterson:

On February 5, 2014, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Consent Order (Order) to Columbia Gas Transmission LLC (CGT) incorporating the terms of a Consent Agreement signed by PHMSA on November 4, 2013, and CGT on November 21, 2013.

The Consent Agreement resulted from a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) issued to CGT alleging that *“CGT’s 20-inch natural gas ‘Line PM-3’ pipeline or a portion thereof has an apparent condition that, without corrective measures, would pose a pipeline integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment.”* Specifically, the Notice alleged that a mining operation conducted on a hillside in Floyd County, Kentucky, caused an unstable landslide condition that resulted in CGT temporarily replacing 1,221 feet of pipe in April 2012 and leaving approximately 1,357 feet of Line PM-3 exposed and lying on or suspended on the unstable hillside.

The PHMSA Southern Region has received and reviewed CGT’s letter of June 12, 2014, in which CGT summarized the actions it has taken to comply with the Order. Our review confirms that CGT has met the terms of the Order. Therefore, no further action is necessary with regards to this Order and this case is now closed.

Please be advised that this letter refers only to the Consent Order (CPF 2-2013-1005S) and not to other PHMSA pending cases, if any. Also be advised that nothing herein states or implies that the above described Line PM-3 meets the requirements of the federal pipeline safety regulations. The pipeline system remains subject to inspection by PHMSA.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Lemoi
Director, Office of Pipeline
PHMSA Southern Region