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In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 2
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
Docket No. CP15-514-000
§ 375.308(x)

August 4, 2017

Robert Jackson
Manager, Certificates & Regulatory
Administration
Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC
700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700
Houston, TX 77002-2700

Re: Authorization to Proceed with Construction

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I grant your August 1, 2017 request to proceed with full construction of facilities, including the use of workspaces, as fully described in your request and listed below for Marshall County, West Virginia; and Fairfield, Hocking, Monroe, Noble and Vinton Counties, Ohio, for Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC's (Columbia Gas) Leach XPress Project:

- Variance Request No. SP1_SP3_SP4-001 for an extra workspace area, aboveground facility relocation, two LEX pipeline route realignments and two new temporary access roads that were previously authorized for tree felling in our March 22, 2017 authorization, as indicated in the table included in your Attachment 3; and
- Variance Request No. SP2-121-0940 for a reroute of the LEX pipeline from mileposts (MP) 38.40 to 38.99 within the same construction footprint (your Variance Request No. SP2-011) that was previously authorized for tree felling in our March 29, 2017 authorization. This reroute, 50 feet to the south, allowed Columbia Gas to collocate its pipeline with Rover Pipeline, LLC's (Rover) recently constructed pipeline.

In addition, I grant your August 1, 2017 request (in a separate letter) to proceed with relocation of facilities, as fully described in your variance request listed below for Monroe County, Ohio:

- Variance Request No. SP2-151-1207 for a reroute of the LEX pipeline from mileposts (MP) 39.11 to 39.61 (requiring an additional 0.67 acres of forest already cleared of trees by Rover) to enable collocation with Rover's pipeline and avoidance of wetland and stream crossings; and
- Variance Request No. SP2-132-0939 to relocate permanent access road PAR-MLV-4 at mainline Valve 4 near MP 49.31 of the LEX pipeline. Columbia Gas is relocating this road 100 feet north, requiring an additional 0.07 acres of agricultural/open land, in order to avoid Rover's collocated pipeline.

In considering this notice to proceed, we have determined that Columbia's January 23, 2017 Implementation Plan, supplemented on March 8, 2017, includes the information necessary to meet environmental condition numbers 1 and 5 and of the Commission's January 19, 2017 *Order Issuing Certificates and Approving Abandonment (Order)* issued in the above-referenced docket. In addition, we have confirmed the receipt of all federal authorizations relevant to the approved activities herein.

I remind Columbia Gas that it must comply with all remaining terms and conditions of the Commission's Order. If you have any questions, please contact Juan Polit at (202) 502-8652.

Sincerely,

Juan Polit, Environmental Project Manager
Gas Branch 2

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