



5151 San Felipe Suite 2500  
Houston, TX 77056

Direct: 703.386.3797  
tbrown@nisource.com

**Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC**

**Tyler R. Brown**  
Senior Counsel

January 7, 2015

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Room 1A, East  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D. C. 20426

**Re: Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC  
East Side Expansion Project  
NTP Request #1  
Docket No. CP14-17-000**

Dear Ms. Bose:

On December 18, 2014, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC ("Columbia") received a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "FERC") authorizing the construction of the East Side Expansion Project ("ESE Project" or "Project"). On December 30, 2014, Columbia filed its Implementation Plan pursuant to Condition No. 6 of the Certificate Order.

As required by the Commission's Ordering paragraph G in this proceeding, Columbia has now executed firm natural gas transportation contracts equal to the levels and term of service represented in its precedent agreements.

The attached document is a request for Notice to Proceed ("NTP") with demolition of the existing Milford Compressor Station located in Pike County, Pennsylvania. Columbia respectfully requests that FERC issue the NTP by January 9, 2015.

I have read and know the contents of this filing are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Very truly yours,

*/s/ Tyler R. Brown*

Tyler R. Brown  
Senior Counsel

TRB/mdw

Attachment

cc: John Peconom, Ellen St. Onge (w/attachment)



**COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION, LLC**

**EAST SIDE EXPANSION PROJECT**

***REQUEST FOR  
NOTICE TO PROCEED #1  
MILFORD COMPRESSOR STATION DEMOLITION***

***FERC Docket No.  
CP14-17-000***

**January 2015**



**EAST SIDE EXPANSION PROJECT  
Notice to Proceed Request #1 – Milford Compressor Station Demolition**

**TABLE OF CONTENTS**

**1.0 INTRODUCTION..... 1**  
**2.0 REQUEST FOR NOTICE TO PROCEED – MILFORD COMPRESSOR STATION..... 1**



## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On December 18, 2014, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (“Columbia”) received a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission” or “FERC”) authorizing the construction of the East Side Expansion Project (“ESE Project” or “Project”). The Project includes, among other things, (i) replacing existing compressors with new compressors at Milford and Easton Compressor Stations (“CS”), located in Pike and Northampton Counties, Pennsylvania, respectively, (ii) installing approximately 9.5 miles of new 26-inch pipeline looping Columbia’s existing Line 1278 between Eagle CS and Downingtown CS in Chester County, Pennsylvania, (iii) installing approximately 9.6 miles of 20-inch pipeline looping existing Columbia’s Line 10345 in Gloucester County, New Jersey, and (iv) installing various measurement, station piping, and appurtenant facilities at existing sites located in Orange County, New York, Bucks and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania, and Harford County, Maryland.

## **2.0 REQUEST FOR NOTICE TO PROCEED – MILFORD COMPRESSOR STATION**

At this time, Columbia formally requests a Notice to Proceed (“NTP”) for work associated with demolition activities at the Milford Compressor Station in Pike County, Pennsylvania. No additional environmental permits are required for this work, which will be conducted such that no wetlands or streams will be impacted by the demolition activities. Tree clearing and demolition at the Milford Compressor Station is expected to begin as early as next week; therefore, Columbia requests NTP by January 9, 2015. Columbia has received all applicable environmental permits, authorizations, and clearances for the proposed Milford Compressor Station demolition activities, as summarized in Table 5-1 below. In addition, Columbia proposes to begin tree clearing activities along the interconnects to/from the Milford Compressor Station. As Columbia is awaiting its General Permit (GP-11) for activities within the wetland and waterbody located along a portion of the interconnect workspace, it would confine its activities to the upland areas.

Additional workspace was requested to the north of the station in the Implementation Plan, and a variance for the use of this workspace was requested therein. The revised site layout depicting the additional workspace was provided in the Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”) volume of the Implementation Plan.



TABLE 5-1  
East Side Expansion Project  
Environmental Permits/Approvals/Consultations  
Milford Compressor Station Demolition

Agency	Permit/Approval/Clearance	Date Received	Date Filed with FERC
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission	Certificate under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act		N/A
National Marine Fisheries Service ("NMFS") – Northeast Regional Office	Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 USC §§ 1531 et seq.)	September 23, 2013	November 2013
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Pennsylvania Field Office	Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act; the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 USC §§ 1531 et seq.)	PNDI response of "No Further Review Required": April 19, 2013 October 6, 2014 December 1, 2014	November 2013 December 30, 2014 December 30, 2014
Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources	Consultation for Pennsylvania state-listed birds and mammals (34 Pa. CSA §§ 101 et seq.)	PNDI response of "No Further Review Required": April 19, 2013 October 6, 2014 December 1, 2014	November 2013 December 30, 2014 December 30, 2014
PA Game Commission – Division of Environmental Planning and Habitat Protection	Consultation for Pennsylvania state-listed fish, reptiles, amphibians, and aquatic organisms (30 Pa. CSA §§ 101 et seq.)	PNDI response of "No Further Review Required": April 19, 2013 October 6, 2014 December 1, 2014	November 2013 December 30, 2014 December 30, 2014
PA Fish and Boat Commission – Natural Diversity Section	Consultation for Pennsylvania state-listed plants, natural communities, terrestrial invertebrates and geologic features (32 PS §§ 5301 et seq.)	PNDI response of "No Further Review Required": April 19, 2013 October 6, 2014 December 1, 2014	November 2013 December 30, 2014 December 30, 2014
State Historic Preservation Office – PA Historical and Museum Commission	National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Archaeological Clearance/Approval	PHMC letter 7/17/2013 PHMC letter 6/12/2014 PHMC Letter 9/25/2014	November 2013 June 25, 2014 October 22, 2014
	NHPA Section 106 Architectural Clearance/Approval	PHMC Letter 7/7/2014 PHMC Email 7/31/2014	July 16, 2014 December 30, 2014
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection	Chapter 105 Water Obstruction & Encroachment General Permit 11 (GP-11)	Not required for demolition – no wetland or stream impacts	N/A
	Bureau of Air Quality Plan Approval & Title V Operating Permit	Not required for demolition	N/A
Pike County Conservation District	ESCP Review	Not required (under threshold)	N/A