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Mr. Victor Gaglio
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Re: CPF No. 1-2011-1013S – Operator’s Request to remove pressure restriction on operating section 2 of the Millennium Pipeline from Corning to Bush Hill.

Dear Mr. Gaglio:

We have received your letter dated October 3, 2011, regarding the Consent Agreement (CPF 1-2011-1013S) that was issued to Columbia Gas, LLC (CGT) on September 23, 2011. The Consent Agreement was issued by PHMSA in response to a leak that occurred on the Millennium Pipeline on January 11, 2011.

As outlined in the letter, CGT has requested that the pressure restriction established on Operating Section 2 of the Millennium Pipeline from Corning to Bush Hill be lifted. Your justification for this request is based on engineering analysis and the completion of the integrity assessment work on Section 2. This work was completed in accordance with the Consent Agreement and included the completion of an in-line inspection (ILI), excavation, investigations and examination of the pipe, and non-destructive testing of girth welds at identified locations. According to the information provided by CGT, no actionable anomalies or weld defects were found at any of the excavated locations.

Based on our review of the information and supporting data provided with your letter, we have determined that CGT has adequately demonstrated compliance with the requirements of Sections 16, 17, and 18 of the Consent Agreement for Section 2 of the Millennium Pipeline from Corning Compressor Station to the Bush Hill Station. We therefore approve CGT’s request to remove the pressure restriction on Operating Section 2 of the Millennium Pipeline and return Section 2 to its original Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure (MAOP) of 1,200 psig.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Sincerely,