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Mr. Vern Meier
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700 Louisiana, Suite 700
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Ref: Special Permit Withdrawal

PHMSA-2008-0345

Dear Mr. Meier:

By letter dated May 2, 2017, TransCanada notified the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), that in accordance with Condition 27(a) of the September 2, 2015, renewed special permit, PHMSA-2008-0345, it has complied with all the required certifications of compliance for a class 3 location.

The renewed special permit was issued to Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gas), to operate certain segments of R-701 pipeline located in Class 3 areas at 72 percent of Specified Minimum Yield Strength.

PHMSA has reviewed the operational and maintenance data submitted by TransCanada and finds that TransCanada met the terms of the special permit Condition 27(a), including the design factor for Class 3 location and a maximum allowable operating pressure of 900 pounds per square inch, pressure testing, pipe properties documentation, coatings, welding procedures, and non-destructive testing of girth welds.

Accordingly, as requested by TransCanada, PHMSA closed the special permit effective June 15, 2017.

Kenneth Lee, Director, Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2694, for technical matters specific to the closure of this special permit.

Sincerely,

John A. Gale
Director, Division of Standards and Rulemaking