

May 2, 2017

Mr. Alan K. Mayberry
Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, East Building
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Columbia Gas Transmission Special Permit PHMSA-2008-0345 Condition 27 – Certification and Request for Closure

Dear Mr. Mayberry,

As you are aware, on April 13, 2010, the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) approved Special Permit 2008-0345. This Special Permit allows Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Gas), to operate certain segments of R-701 located in Class 3 areas at 72% of Specified Minimum Yield Strength (SMYS).

In accordance with Condition 27 of the Special Permit renewal, this letter is being submitted, along with attached documentation, to provide you the required certification of compliance with all of the other 27 conditions.

Columbia Gas has replaced and/or pressure tested all special permit segments on line R-701 to be compliant with 49 CFR Part 192 as shown in attachment A. The other required documentation such as the mill test reports (MTRs) for the pipe replaced are in attachment B, the girth weld radiographic inspection reports are in attachment C, radiographic qualification procedures are in attachment D, and the girth weld procedures are in attachment E. Columbia Gas is also requesting a formal closure of Special Permit PHMSA-2008-0345 and to lift the requirement to all 28 permit conditions, due to the elimination of the restricting conditions that led to the instatement of the Special Permit by replacing the affected pipeline segment.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at 832-320-5505.

Sincerely,



Vern Meier
Vice President, Safety, Compliance & Quality Assurance