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

February 15, 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 January 23, 2017 request<sup>1</sup> to proceed with construction and/or installation of the following activities for the Leach XPress Project:

- Lone Oak Compressor Station and associated Access Road PAR-F-3;
- Summerfield Compressor Station and associated Access Road PAR-F-5, excluding tract OH-NO-050.004B;
- Oak Hill Compressor Station and associated Access Roads PAR-F-14, TAR-F-15 and PAR-F-16;
- three new compressor units, and decommissioning of one unit at the Ceredo Compressor Station and associated Access Road PAR-F-24;
- R-System and RS-1286 Regulator Stations and associated Access Roads PAR-F-8, PAR-F-28, PAR-F-29, and PAR-F-30;
- LEX Pipeline, Mileposts 34.6-52.2; excluding tracts identified in table 1 of your January 23, 2017 filing; and
- LEX Pipeline, LEX1 Pipeline, and R-801-Loop; within the tracts identified in table 1 of your January 27, 2017 filing.

Finally, this authorization includes all areas with modifications, as presented in Attachment 2 to the Implementation Plan filed on January 23, 2017. We further clarify that all access roads and ancillary areas identified in your Implementation Plan are also

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<sup>1</sup> This request was subsequently supplemented on January 24, 25, 27, 30, and February 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15, 2017.

approved, including access roads along the LEX, LEX1 and R-801 Loop pipelines, for the entire project.

In considering this notice to proceed, we have determined that Columbia's January 23, 2017 Implementation Plan and supplemental filings includes the information necessary to meet the pre-construction conditions in 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, including Clean Water Act, Section 404, and 401 Water Quality Certification for work in wetlands and waterbodies.

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,

J. Rich McGuire  
Director  
Division of Gas – Environment  
and Engineering

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