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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street NE, Room 1A  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: **Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC**  
**East Side Expansion Project**  
**Docket No. CP14-17-000**  
**Request for In-Service Authorization – Line 1278 Loop**

Dear Ms. Bose:

On December 18, 2014, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) issued an “Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment” (“Order”) in the above-referenced docket for Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC’s (“Columbia”) East Side Expansion Project (“Project”). On December 23, 2014, Columbia accepted the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission in such Order.

In accordance with Environmental Condition No. 10 of the Appendix to the Order, Columbia requests authorization from the Director of Office of Energy Projects to commence service through Line 1278 Loop located in Chester County, Pennsylvania no later than October 21, 2015. In addition to the on-site observations from the October 16, 2015 inspection, attached are images of the ongoing restoration of Line 1278 Loop which support that restoration is proceeding satisfactorily to warrant authorizing commencement of gas service through the pipeline. The anticipated completion of restoration is November 14, 2015, including all of the ROW and contractor yard #3. Columbia will complete restoration activities on contractor yard #4 during spring 2016.

Columbia affirms hydrostatic testing of Line 1278 Loop was completed on October 15, 2015, is mechanically complete as of October 18, and ready to provide the service for which it was constructed. Currently, there are no outstanding property owner and/or compliance issues.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact me at (713) 386-3797 or Melissa Dettling, Natural Resource Permitting, at (713) 386-3402.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tyler R. Brown".

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Attachments

cc: Ellen St. Onge (w/attachments)



## Eastside Expansion Project - Restoration

**Project:** Loop 1278

**Date:** 10-19-2015

**Inspector:** Josh Prosceno LEI

### Photos

**Direction of Photo:** North

**Description:** View of Hunter Ridge HDD exit location and pipe stringing area. Area has been backfilled and restoration is in progress.



**Direction of Photo:** South

**Description:** View of restoration on Shamona Creek Elementary School property. Area has good vegetation growth. Meadow mix has been added as per landowner requirements. Temporary erosion controls have been removed.



**Direction of Photo:** South

**Description:** View of sod maintenance at the Jessica Terrace open cut location in the Welsh Ayers Subdivision. Sod is approximately 40 percent complete in this area.





**Direction of Photo:** South

**Description:** View of restoration of pipe stringing area for Brandywine Creek HDD. Area has been cleaned up and restoration is in progress.



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