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Re: Approval of Pre-Filing Request – Atlantic Sunrise Expansion Project

Dear Mr. Hammons:

Thank you for your letter, filed March 31, 2014, requesting use of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) pre-filing review process for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's (Transco) planned Atlantic Sunrise Expansion Project (project). We believe that beginning the Commission's review of this proposal prior to the receipt of your application will greatly improve our ability to identify issues early and address them in our environmental document.

As stated in your letter, Transco plans to expand its existing natural gas transmission system by constructing and operating about 193 miles of pipeline in Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Lycoming, Clinton, Columbia, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Lebanon, and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania; and Prince William County, Virginia. Aboveground facilities would include two new compressor stations (totaling 70,000 horsepower [hp]), and compressor additions at two existing stations (totaling 32,000 hp) in Pennsylvania; and a 25,000 hp compressor addition at an existing compressor station in Howard County, Maryland. The project would be designed to provide 1,700,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm transportation capacity to markets in northeastern and southeastern United States.

Your letter also stated that Transco intends to file its application no later than March 2015. When Transco files its application with the Commission, we will evaluate the progress made during the pre-filing process, based in part on our success in resolving the issues raised during scoping. Once we determine that your application is ready for

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processing, we will establish a schedule for completion of the environmental impact statement and for the issuance of all other federal authorizations.

My staff has reviewed the proposals submitted for the selection of a third-party contractor to assist us in preparing the National Environmental Policy Act documentation. We have selected Natural Resource Group (NRG) as the third-party contractor to work under the direct supervision and control of the Commission staff. I request that you proceed with executing a contract with NRG so work may begin as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Energy Projects' Environmental Project Manager for your project, Jennifer Kerrigan at (202) 502-8954.

Sincerely,

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