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Kevin White, P.E., Director
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**RE: Chapter 105/Section 404 Joint Permit Application Submission
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC
Northeast Supply Enhancement Project
Compressor Station 200 - East Whiteland Township, Chester County
Quarryville Loop - Drumore, East Drumore, and Eden Townships, Lancaster
County**

Dear Mr. White,

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC's (Transco) is re-submitting an application for a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit (Permit) with the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) in connection with the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NESE or Project). The Project has received the Department's Water Quality Certification (WQ03-001). However, the previously issued Permit (Permit No. E36-970) expired in 2023. As you are aware from our pre-application meeting on May 8, 2025, the Project scope has not changed and, thus, the application is essentially identical to the application reviewed and approved by the Department in 2018. That being said, Transco has reconfirmed/updated the wetland field surveys and is actively re-confirming both protected species and cultural resource no effect determinations with the respective regulating agencies. Details of these supplemental due diligence efforts are included with this re-submittal.

The Project is a proposed expansion of Transco's existing system from Pennsylvania through New Jersey to New York, to provide 400,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of incremental capacity to National Grid at Transco's existing Rockaway Transfer Point located approximately three miles offshore of the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens Borough, New York. In Pennsylvania, as outlined in the Department's Water Quality Certification, the Project consists of:

approximately 10.17 miles of new 42-inch diameter natural gas pipeline in Drumore, East Drumore, and Eden Townships, Lancaster County Pennsylvania and the addition of one 21,902 horsepower motor-driven compressor at the existing Compressor Station 200 in East Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Project, as proposed, will require approximately 212.2 acres of earth disturbance in Pennsylvania, permanent impacts to 25 linear feet of Wissler Run (HQ-WWF, MF), 10 linear feet of Fishing Creek (HQ-CWF, MF), 4 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Fishing Creek (HQ-CWF, MF), 2 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Conowingo Creek (HQ-CWF, MF), 44 linear feet of Conowingo Creek (HQ-CWF, MF), 27 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Conowingo Creek, 18 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Conowingo Creek (HQ-CWF, MF), 2 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Stewart Run (HQ-CWF, MF), 15 feet of an unnamed tributary to Stewart Run (HQ-CWF, MF), 6 linear feet of Bowery Run (HQ-CWF, MF), 0.33 acre of temporary impacts to floodway, 1.73 acre of permanent impacts to floodway and; 1.99 acre of permanent impacts and 0.50 acre of temporary impacts to wetlands.¹

Given the permitting history and the Department's extensive review of the Project, the energy emergency and compelling need for natural gas in the Northeastern United States as explained herein, Transco respectfully requests that the Department make a permitting decision on or by August 29, 2025, so that it can begin construction.

Transco is reviving the Project at the request of the federal administration and in consideration of the President's Executive Orders, Declaring a National Energy Emergency and Unleashing American Energy, issued on January 20, 2025. These Executive Orders make clear that infrastructure development, particularly in the Northeastern United States, is desperately needed. Transco's Project will enhance reliability, flexibility, and efficiency on a critical part of Transco's system and provide access to crucial supplies of natural gas. As recently highlighted in the Northeast Power Coordinating Council's Northeast Gas/Electric System Study, existing gas infrastructure in New York is unable to meet the demand for most electric generators during a cold snap.² While many generators in downstate New York—where the Project is intended to serve—are dual-fuel capable, very few electric generators have firm transportation entitlements, exposing electric generation to risk in the event of an extreme weather event or a pipeline outage.³

Given the urgent need for affordable natural gas supplies, Transco is respectfully requesting that the Department expedite its review of this permit application. Transco has also submitted applications to both the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and requested expedited reviews by these agencies. Transco also filed a Petition for Expedited Reissuance of Certificate Authority with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on May 29, 2025, requesting the reissuance of the certificate of public convenience and necessity, as amended, authorizing Transco to construct and operate the NESE Project.

¹ 48 Pa. Bull. 3640 (June 16, 2018) (providing notice of Section 401 Certification for the Project).

² Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Northeast Gas/Electric System Study, at 5 (Jan. 21, 2025).

³ Id. at 5-6.

Transco appreciates the Department's assistance and expeditious review of this application. Transco looks forward to promptly providing any further information, as requested by the Department, to help facilitate the review of the application.

If you require any additional information, please contact me at 281-433-8046 or via email at joseph.dean@williams.com. Alternatively, you can contact Steven MacLeod, Project Manager at WSP at 716-462-0845 or via email at Steven.MacLeod@wsp.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Dean', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph Dean
Manager, Permitting

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