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## **RE:** Withdrawal of Application for Flood Hazard Area Control Act Verification

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC
Northeast Supply Enhancement Project
Compressor Station 206 – Franklin Township, Somerset County, NJ
Madison Loop – Old Bridge Township and Sayreville Borough, Middlesex County, NJ
DLUR File No.: 0000-01-1001.3 LUP 200001

## Dear Ms. Tamagno,

As you know, on January 21, 2020, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) filed applications for, among other approvals, a request for a Flood Hazard Area Control Act (FHACA) verification in connection with the Compressor Station 206 and Madison Loop portions of Transco's Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (Project). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13-5.5(b)(1), the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has informed Transco of its determination that, based on the Department's review of Transco's submitted site plans, no fill or aboveground structure is proposed within a flood hazard area and, therefore, no verification is required for either the Compressor Station 206 site or the Madison Loop. In addition, the Department has informed Transco that its June 2018 application for a FHACA verification is still pending before the Department and that it was unnecessary for Transco to submit a new application in January 2020. Accordingly, the Department has requested that Transco withdraw both the 2020 and 2018 applications.

By way of background, Transco resubmitted its application for a FHACA verification along with its other permit applications for the Project on June 20, 2018. The applications, including the application for a verification, were deemed complete for review on February 6, 2019, thereby setting the 90-day review period pursuant N.J.A.C. 7:13-21.3(a) for May 6, 2019. See June 5, 2019 Denial Letter, p. 5. The review period was extended for 30 days to June 5, 2019 pursuant to

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N.J.A.C. 7:13-21.3(b). Id. On June 5, 2019, the Department denied Transco's permit applications for the Project. While the denial acknowledged Transco's application for a FHACA verification, the denial only went to Transco's request for a FHACA Individual Permit. See Denial Letter, p. 14 (finding that "the NESE Project permit application, including for a Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit, Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit, Waterfront Development Individual In water Permit, Upland Waterfront Development, Coastal Wetland Permits and Water Quality Certificate, is hereby denied without prejudice.").

Based on the Department's determination that no verification is required, Transco hereby withdraws its January 21, 2020 and June 20, 2018 applications for a verification for the Madison Loop and Compressor Station 206 site.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Karen Olson at (713) 215-4232 or Karen.Olson@williams.com or Scott Horner at (713) 215-4953 or Scott.Horner@williams.com.

Sincerely,

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