

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS

In Reply Refer To:
OEP/DG2E/Gas 4
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC
Mountaineer XPress Project
Docket No. CP16-357-000

August 26, 2019

VIA FERC Service

Robert D. Jackson, Manager
Certificates and Regulatory Administration
700 Louisiana Street, Suite 700
Houston, TX 77002-2700

**Re: Approval for Full Construction of Certain Variances from April 10, 2019
Request**

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In compliance with environmental condition 5 of the Commission's December 29, 2017 *Order Issuing Certificate* (Order) for the Mountaineer XPress Project, I approve certain Columbia Gas' variances that were filed on April 10, 2019, for full construction (see table A attached). These variances were previously approved for non-mechanized tree clearing in uplands in the May 17 and May 30, 2019 FERC-issued approval letters.

We have reviewed your Implementation Plan, filed on January 5, 2018, along with your supplemental filings of May 8, 17, and 30, 2019, and August 1, 7, and 23, 2019. The combination of the Implementation Plan and supplements, in addition to Columbia Gas' receipt of applicable environmental clearances and permits, satisfies the conditions of the Order related to the activities approved herein.

I remind you that Columbia Gas must comply with all applicable remaining terms and conditions of the Order. Additionally, for all Mitigation Slip Level 2 locations, the final restoration methods selected by Columbia's contractor based on site-specific conditions will be reported in Columbia Gas' weekly construction status report. If you have any questions regarding this approval, you may contact me at 202-502-8130.

Sincerely,

Julia Yuan
Environmental Project Manager
Division of Gas – Environment
and Engineering

Attachment

Table A: April 10, 2019 Variances Approved for Full Construction for the Mountaineer XPress Project (FERC Variance ID in Red)		
Variance Request ID	Milepost	Reason for Change
Variance #140 (MXP-375)	1.23	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip, including use of 200 feet of sheet piling..
Variance #146 (MXP-381)	27.56	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 1 slip.
Variance #148 (MXP-383)	76.26	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #150 (MXP-385)	89.17	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 1 slip.
Variance #151 (MXP-386)	97.8	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #152 (MXP-387)	98.01	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 1 slip.
Variance #153 (MXP-388)	99.51	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #154 (MXP-389)	110.86	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #157 (MXP-392)	132.11	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 3 slip.
Variance #159 (MXP-394)	154.39	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #160 (MXP-395)	155.29	This variance is needed to retrieve sediment that migrated outside the approved workspace.
Variance #161 (MXP-396)	155.52	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 1 slip.
Variance #162 (MXP-397)	156.96	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #163 (MXP-398)	158.38	This variance is needed to retrieve sediment that migrated outside the approved workspace.
Variance #164 (MXP-399)	159.18	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 1 slip.
Variance #165 (MXP-400)	159.40	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #166 (MXP-401)	160.05	This variance is needed to retrieve sediment that migrated outside the approved workspace.
Variance #167 (MXP-402)	160.08	This variance is needed to address a Mitigation Level 2 slip.
Variance #169 (MXP-404)	160.31	This variance is needed to retrieve sediment that migrated outside the approved workspace.
Variance #171 (MXP-406)	165.15	This variance is needed to address erosion.