

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC

**Requirement G-1 – PNDI Environmental Review Receipt** 

**Regional Energy Access Expansion Project – Effort Loop** 

April 2021



Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Level 11 Houston, Texas 77056

January 31, 2020

#### Re: PNDI Large Project Submission for Environmental Review Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC Regional Energy Access Project

To Whom it May Concern:

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) is in the process of defining the proposed Regional Energy Access Project (Project), which would expand Transco's existing facilities to meet growing demand for natural gas. Currently, the Pennsylvania Project components consist of two pipeline segments, one new compressor station, upgrades to two existing compressor stations, and additions or modifications to aboveground ancillary facilities along the existing and proposed pipelines.

This correspondence is intended to initiate Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Index (PNDI) consultation with the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding the presence of Threatened, Endangered, and special concern species occurring along or in the vicinity of the proposed Project.

For the purposes of the PNDI review, the Pennsylvania Project components are listed below:

#### **Project Components**

- Regional Energy Lateral Approximately 22 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, both colocated pipeline along the existing Transco Leidy pipeline system and greenfield pipeline, in Luzerne County, PA;
  - Ten Alternative Route options (Alt\_REL\_A-J); are included with this submission, as the route is still being designed;
- Effort Loop Approximately 14 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline looping the existing Transco Leidy pipeline system in Monroe County, PA;
- New Compressor Station 510 New gas turbine-driven Compressor Station in Northampton County, PA, located adjacent to the existing Leidy pipeline system. The options currently requested for review are:
  - o CS 510 Option MP 30.6
  - CS 510 Option MP 31.4
  - CS 510 Option MP 32.6
  - CS 510 Option MP 33.1
- Existing Compressor Station 515 Additional horsepower at an existing Compressor Station in Luzerne County, PA located adjacent to the existing Leidy pipeline system;

- Existing Compressor Station 195 Modifications will include additional horsepower at an existing Compressor Station in York County. No earth disturbance is being proposed for the modification, and;
- Aboveground Ancillary Facilities Modifications or additions of receipt and delivery meter stations, valve sites, and regulator stations along the proposed pipeline routes and along Transco's existing pipeline system.

The summary table below outlines the location of Project components in Pennsylvania as shown on Attachment A: PA Natural Diversity Index - Project Map and Attachment B: Topographic Project Location Maps.

Table 1. Project Facility Summary Table			
Project Component	County	Attachment B - Topographic Project Location Map	
Proposed 30" Regional Energy Lateral	Luzerne	1A-1D	
Existing Compressor Station 515	Luzerne	1A	
Existing Carverton Meter Station	Luzerne	1C & 1D	
Proposed 42" Leidy D Effort Loop	Monroe	2A- 2C	
Proposed Compressor Station 510	Northampton	3	
Existing Lower Mud Run Meter Station and Delaware Regulator	Northampton	3	
Existing Compressor Station 195	York	4	
Existing Chapin Meter Station	Wyoming	5	
Existing Puddlefield Meter Station	Wyoming	6	
Existing Chester Meter Station	Delaware	7	

The proposed Regional Energy Lateral and Effort Loop will be co-located within/adjacent to the existing Transco right-of-way (ROW) to the extent possible. The temporary and/or permanent ROW will need to be widened at varying widths to accommodate the Project construction. Potential access roads that may be proposed for use are included. In general, these are existing access roads that may be subject to improvements to accommodate Project construction.

Field surveys have not been initiated for the Project; however, are planned to begin in the spring of 2020. Temporary and permanent workspaces (e.g. disturbance areas) have not been defined at this time. During and following field surveys and throughout the design process, the proposed pipeline route and overall limits of disturbance areas are subject to refinements.

United States Geological Survey Mapping depicting the locations of the described Project facilities can be found in Attachment B. The draft large project PNDI review receipt is located within Attachment C. GIS shapefiles have been uploaded as part of the PNDI Online submission. A compact disc, as well as hard copies of this correspondence have been sent via U.S. mail to the USFWS. Within the shapefiles, attribute information is included that provides the unique identifiers to the features shown on the mapping.

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Should the Project, as presented, indicate the need for species-specific field studies or indicate other Project considerations, please provide a response outlining those requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence and information request, or require additional Project information, please do not hesitate to call me at (713) 215-4232 or contact me via e-mail at <u>karen.olson@Williams.com</u>. Alternatively, you can contact Ryan Nelson, Senior Project Manager at WHM Consulting, LLC at (814) 689-1650 or via e-mail at <u>ryann@whmgroup.com</u>. I appreciate your assistance and thank you for your attention to this request.

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Karen Olson Environmental Specialist

Attachments:Attachment A: PA Natural Diversity Index – Project Map<br/>Attachment B: Topographic Project Location Maps<br/>Attachment C: Draft Large Project PNDI Review Receipt

cc: Josh Henry, Transco Ryan Nelson, WHM Consulting, LLC

## **1. PROJECT INFORMATION**

Project Name: Regional Energy Access Project

Date of Review: 1/31/2020 04:22:44 PM

Project Category: Energy Storage, Production, and Transfer, Energy Transfer, Pipeline (e.g., gas, oil) -- NEW

(construction of new line in a new location)

Project Area: 1,230.86 acres

County(s): Delaware; Luzerne; Monroe; Northampton; Wyoming; York

Watersheds HUC 8: Lehigh; Lower Delaware; Lower Susquehanna; Middle Delaware-Mongaup-Brodhead; Middle Delaware-Musconetcong; Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna; Upper Susquehanna-Tunkhannock Watersheds HUC 12: Abrahams Creek; Bear Creek; Buckhorn Creek-Delaware River; Buckwha Creek; City of Wilkes-Barre-Mill Creek; City of Wilkes-Barre-Susquehanna River; Fishing Creek-Muddy Creek; Headwaters Pohopoco Creek; Leonard Creek; Lower McMichael Creek; Mud Run; Obendoffers Creek-Susquehanna River; Repaupo Creek-Delaware River; Toby Creek; Tunkhannock Creek; Upper McMichael Creek; Wright Creek-Lehigh River

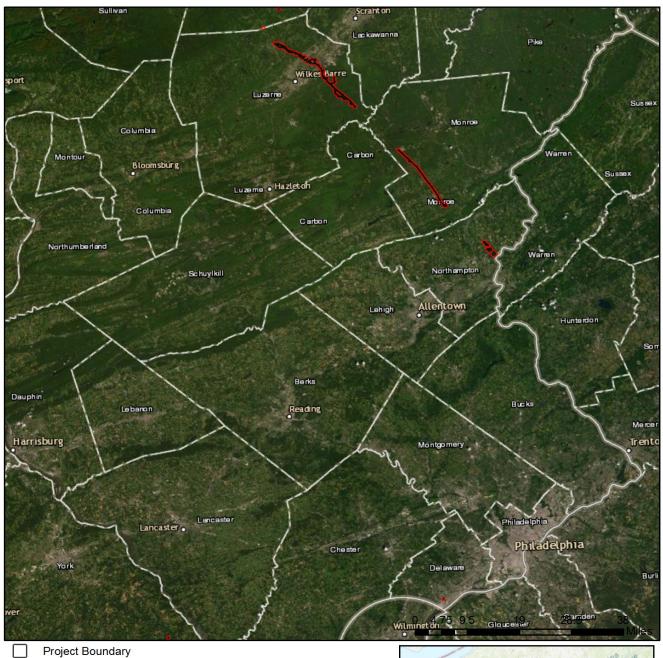
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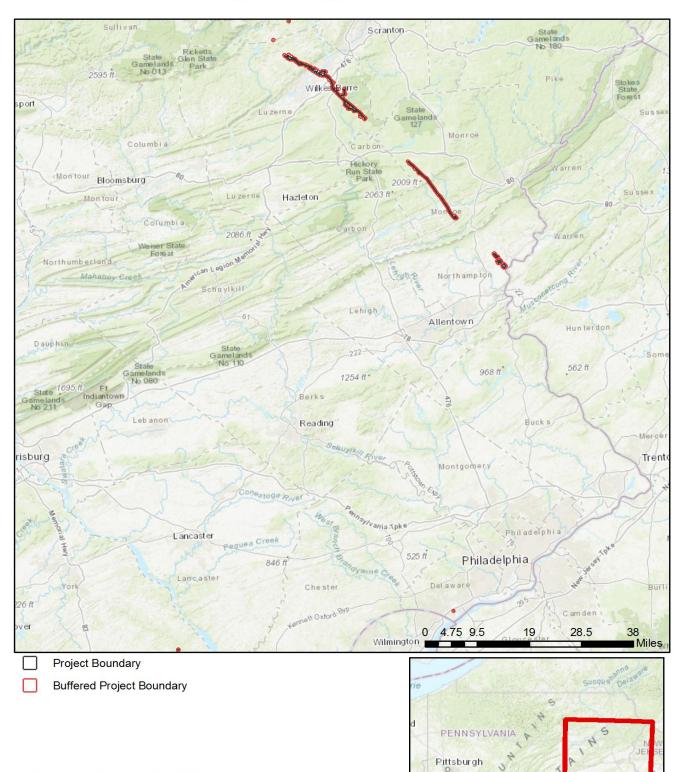


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### 6. AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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#### PA Fish and Boat Commission

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#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Pennsylvania Field Office

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#### PA Game Commission

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## 8. CERTIFICATION

I certify that ALL of the project information contained in this receipt (including project location, project size/configuration, project type, answers to questions) is true, accurate and complete. In addition, if the project type, location, size or configuration changes, or if the answers to any questions that were asked during this online review change, I agree to re-do the online environmental review.

01/31/2020

applicant/project proponent signature

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September 4, 2020

#### Re: Updated PNDI Search ID: PNDI 702499 Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC Regional Energy Access Expansion Project

To Whom it May Concern:

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) is providing an update to the original PNDI online Large Project Review for the Regional Energy Access Expansion (REAE) Project (Project) submitted on January 31, 2020. This update provides additional details since the previous submission.

The following is a list of the agency unique identifiers for the Project:

Pennsylvania Game Commission – PGC ID# 202002030501 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission – SIR# 52530 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation of Natural Resources – PNDI# 702499 United States Fish and Wildlife Service – Project # 2020-0592

Since the previous submission, the Project name has been updated from the Regional Energy Access Project to the Regional Energy Access Expansion Project.

The summary table below outlines the location of Project components in Pennsylvania. A column has been added to this table to reflect general updates since the previous submission.

Table 1. Project Facility Summary Table			
Project Component	County	Project Locations Map	Update Summary
Pipeline Components			
Proposed 30" Regional Energy Lateral	Luzerne	REL 1-4	Revised Proposed Route
Proposed 42" Leidy D Effort Loop	Monroe	EL1 – EL3	Minor route adjustments
Compressor Station Components			
Existing Compressor Station 195	York	CS195-1	No Changes
Existing Compressor Station 200	Chester	CS200-1	New Project Component
Existing Compressor Station 515	Luzerne	CS515-1	Contractor Yard Added

Table 1. Project Facility Summary Table			
Proposed Compressor Station 510	Northampton	N/A	Removed from the Project
Aboveground Ancillary Facilities			
Hildebrandt/Lower Demunds REL Tie-Ins and Chapin 2 Interconnect	Luzerne	HLD-1	Revised naming
Existing Carverton Meter Station	Luzerne	CARV-1	No Changes
Existing Chester Meter Station	Chester	CMS-DEL-1	New Project Component
Existing Chapin Meter Station	Wyoming	CMS-WY-1	No Changes
Existing Puddlefield Meter Station	Wyoming	PMS-1	No Changes
Existing Post Road M&R	Delaware	PRMR-1	New Project Component
Proposed Chester Regulation	Delaware	CMS-DEL-1	New Project Component
Existing Delaware Regulator/Lower Mud Run Meter Station	Northampton	DEL/LMR-1	No Changes
Existing Mainline "A" Regulator	Bucks	MLA-1	New Project Component

The following Project information provides further detail on the Project Components listed above.

#### **Project Components**

- Regional Energy Lateral Approximately 22 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline, both colocated pipeline along the existing Transco Leidy pipeline system and greenfield pipeline, in Luzerne County, PA;
  - The previously provided preliminary route alternatives have been removed and the current route is provided.
  - Route adjustments have been incorporated into the current alignment
- Effort Loop Approximately 14 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline looping the existing Transco Leidy pipeline system in Monroe County, PA;
  - o Some minor route adjustments have been incorporated into the current alignment
- Existing Compressor Station 195 Modifications will include additional horsepower at an existing Compressor Station in York County. No earth disturbance is being proposed for the modification
  - No changes have been proposed
- Existing Compressor Station 200 Modifications will connect existing Transco Mainline A into suction to support south flow
  - This facility was not previously included with the original PNDI Submission
- Existing Compressor Station 515 Additional horsepower and facility modifications at an existing Compressor Station in Luzerne County, PA located adjacent to the existing Leidy pipeline system;
  - Addition of one gas-fired turbine drive compressor with approximately 31,871 HP and modifications of the existing compressors to support new project flow

- Abandon and replace approximate 17,000 HP from five existing gas-fired reciprocator driven compressors with one gas-fired turbine driver compressor with approximately 19,502 HP.
- Replacement of communication tower at Compressor Station 515. The new communication tower will be freestanding (e.g. not supported by guy wires) and approximately 380 feet high. The existing communication tower is 357 feet high and supported with guy wires. Lighting from the existing communication tower will be repurposed and is in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements.
- A contractor yard associated with this facility has been included.
- Aboveground Ancillary Facilities Modifications or additions of receipt and delivery meter stations, valve sites, and regulator stations along the proposed pipeline routes and along Transco's existing pipeline system.
  - Four new project components have been added since the previous submission, as noted in the above table.

Revised Project location mapping is located within Attachment A of this submission. GIS shapefiles have been uploaded as part of the PNDI Online submission. A hard copy of this correspondence have been sent via U.S. mail to the USFWS.

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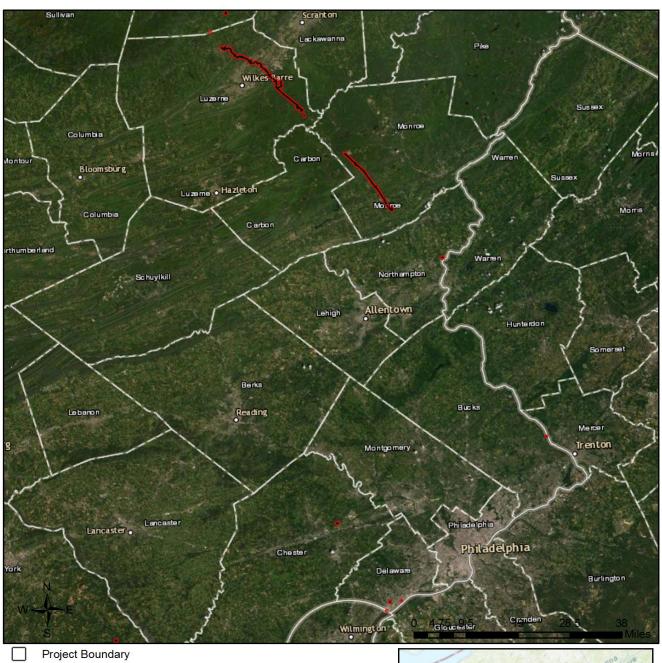
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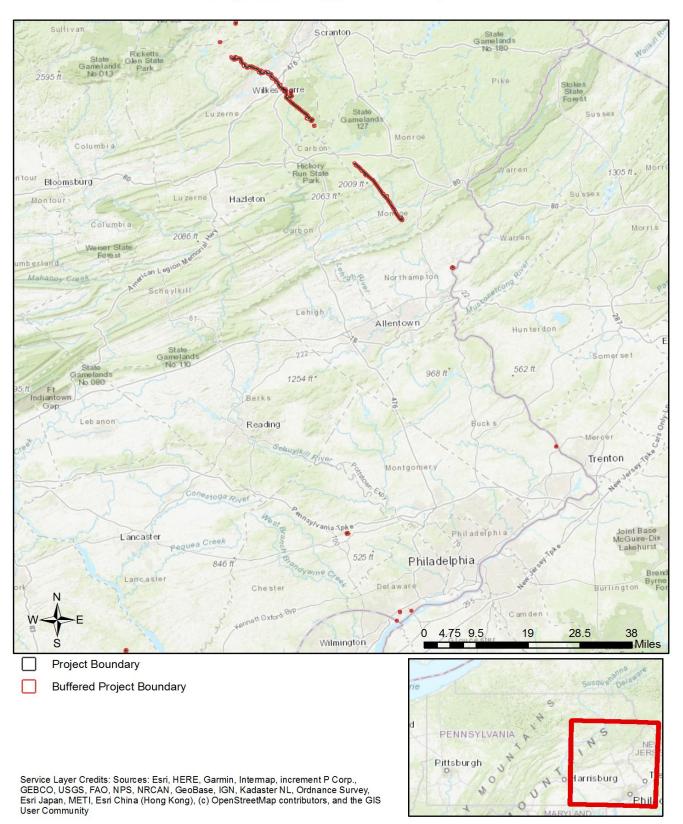
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## 8. CERTIFICATION

I certify that ALL of the project information contained in this receipt (including project location, project size/configuration, project type, answers to questions) is true, accurate and complete. In addition, if the project type, location, size or configuration changes, or if the answers to any questions that were asked during this online review change, I agree to re-do the online environmental review.

Ryan Nelson

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