



# NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage<sup>®</sup>

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC

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Dear Neighbor,

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) is committed to the safe and reliable transportation and storage of natural gas. We operate an interstate transmission system comprised of approximately 12,000 miles of interstate pipeline that delivers clean, affordable and domestically produced natural gas to homes and businesses across the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions. We are engaged primarily in the business of transporting natural gas and operating underground storage fields in interstate commerce under authorizations granted by and subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). A commitment to pipeline safety and a focus on strengthening our infrastructure is a cornerstone of the Columbia organization.

## **Why Are We Contacting You?**

In response to the supply and demand needs of the domestic marketplace, Columbia is exploring an upgrade and expansion of existing pipeline facilities in your area. The proposed pipeline project would enhance our ability to increase pipeline capacity through existing and enhanced system interconnects. The proposed project is anticipated to be in service by fall of 2015. A critical first step in this proposed project is to have qualified personnel conduct land surveys to determine approximately where new facilities can be safely constructed with a minimal impact to land and environmental resources. The survey process itself is routine and minimally disruptive to the property owner. Typical activities include walking the land, running lines or levels, and taking small soil samples. Any areas disrupted by Columbia's surveying activities will be restored after the assessment process has been completed.

Columbia looks to state law – specifically, Pennsylvania C.S. § 309 – to govern how and when we must notify landowners of our need to conduct surveys in a particular area. The law allows Columbia employees or qualified contractors to access private property for the purpose of making studies, surveys, tests, soundings and appraisals, but first requires that we notify landowners by mail at least 10 days prior to visiting their property. **This letter serves as that notification.**

## **What Can You Expect?**

We anticipate that our survey activities will occur on or near your property during reasonable daylight hours beginning on or about October 15, 2012 and continuing over the next several months. This time frame may change as our workflow can be impeded by weather or other unforeseen events. Access of your property by Columbia for survey activities is not a condemnation and should not be interpreted as notice of intent to acquire any property. And as all Columbia employees and contractors carry photo identification, please feel free to ask to see it if you have any concerns.

Underpinning this entire effort is our unwavering commitment to top-tier safety and reliability, collaborative stakeholder relationships and forward-looking environmental practices and stewardship. Columbia strives to be a responsible neighbor and good citizen.

**Where Can You Get More Information?**

We will continue to keep you informed and will be in contact with you periodically throughout the project. In the meantime, please review the enclosed information on Columbia's survey procedures and FERC's project review and approval process. In addition, please feel free to contact us at (888)-499-3450 with any questions.

Thank you for your time and your cooperation.

Yours truly,

Doug Holley, Manager  
Asset Management  
Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC  
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Enclosures