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In Reply Refer To: GE 1035A

August 23, 2018

Mr. Frank Ferazzi  
Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC  
Post Office Box 1396  
Houston, TX 77251-1396

Dear Mr. Ferazzi:

Reference is made to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC. (Transcontinental) pipeline Right-of-way (ROW) relinquishment request dated August 21, 2018, received by our office on the same day, with supplemental information submitted on August 22, 2018, to relinquish Pipeline ROW Grant OCS-G01700A and decommission in place Pipeline Segment Number (PSN) 8721.

For ease of reference, PSN 8721 is described as follows:

Segment Number	Size (Inches)	Length (feet)	Service	From	To
8721	8	38,239	Gas	8" SSTI	12" SSTI
				Vermillion Area	Vermillion Area
				Block 101	Block 81

Effective Date of Relinquishment: August 21, 2018

Pursuant to 30 CFR 250.1751, your application is hereby approved and pursuant to 30 CFR 250.142, your request to depart from the requirement at 30 CFR 250.1010(h) i.e., decommissioning the pipeline in place rather than by removal is hereby waived, however subject to the following condition:

1. Our review indicates that your proposed activities are in the vicinity of the unidentified side-scan sonar target listed in the Enclosure 1, a feature that may represent a significant archaeological resource. In accordance with 30 CFR 250.1007(a)(5), you must either (conduct an underwater archaeological investigation (diver and/or ROV investigations) prior to commencing activities to determine whether this feature represents an archaeological resource, or (2) ensure that all seafloor disturbing actions resulting from the proposed activities avoid the unidentified feature by a distance greater than that listed in the Enclosure 1. If you conduct an underwater archaeological investigation prior to commencing operations, contact either Dr. Jack Irion at (504) 736-1742 or Dr. Christopher Horrell at (504) 736-2796 at least two weeks prior to performing operations to obtain the investigation methodology. If you choose to avoid the feature, submit anchor position plats, at a scale of 1-in. = 1,000-ft. with DGPS accuracy, with your

pipeline construction report required by 30 CFR 250.1008(b) or decommissioning report required by 30 CFR 250.1753(b), as appropriate. These plats must depict the "as-placed" location of all anchors, anchor chains, cables, and wire ropes on the seafloor (including sweep) and demonstrate that the feature was not physically impacted by the construction/decommissioning activities. If you choose to avoid the feature and no anchoring activities were conducted during pipeline construction/decommissioning, provide a statement to that effect in lieu of the required anchor position plats.

The aforementioned decommissioning operations must be completed within 180 days of the date of this letter and a decommissioning completion report must be submitted to this office within 30 days of completing the decommissioning.

Sincerely,  
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by PHILLIP SMITH  
Date: 2018.08.23  
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(for) Bryan A. Domangue  
Acting Regional Supervisor  
Regional Field Operations



