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Mayors Cimei, Bischoff and Levine:

Attached is our response to issues raised about our company and our proposed Northeast Supply Link Project (Stanton Loop) during the September 21, 2011 meeting in the Township of Clinton. We hope that you and your constituents find it helpful in addressing some of the questions and concerns raised about the ongoing operations of our company including pipeline safety and integrity.

Our Natural Gas Act Section 7(c) certificate application for the Northeast Supply Link project was filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) today. As soon as FERC accepts our application and issues their notice of application, the proposed project moves from the pre-filing process to the formal application process. As we discussed, the pre-filing process and activities are designed to solicit input and identify issues before the project application is submitted. Based on input that we received during the pre-filing process, we've made many modifications to our proposal that would lessen the impacts to homeowners along the Stanton Loop.

FERC asked the company to address comments that relate to the proposed project in our environmental resource reports. The resource reports were filed today with our 7(c) application. The attached document addresses comments that fall outside the requisite information included in our environmental resource reports. The information provided in the attached response was gleaned from a broad range of experts in various departments within our company as well as other industry sources. We appreciate your patience and understanding of our desire to submit this response simultaneous to our 7(c) application.

As we continue to strengthen our public outreach efforts with your community, we also wanted to make you aware of a recent Transco incident. On December 3, 2011, Transco's Line C failed, in Sweetwater, Alabama, at 3:07 p.m. The incident occurred in a Class 1 location and no injuries were sustained. Local law enforcement and volunteer fire departments worked with Transco employees to isolate the area and control the resulting fire, which burned 8 acres of pine forest. Transco's adjacent Line B was exposed. Lines A, C and D, in the same right-of-way, were not impacted. The Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Corrective Action Order (CPF 2-2011-1011H) on December 7, after the initial phase of their investigation. At this point, there is no conclusive determination of the cause of the rupture. This section of pipe had been smart-pigged in early October as part of the company's pipeline integrity program; however, Transco had not yet received the resulting data from its vendor. Transco's Pipeline Safety and Integrity group is working with PHMSA to determine the cause of the rupture.

We appreciate your participation in the public input process related to our Northeast Supply Link Project. We will continue to answer questions, respond to concerns, and work with your community and other stakeholders as FERC is considering the project. Our goal is to receive approval from FERC and to build and operate the proposed facilities in the safest manner possible, with the least amount of disruption to homeowners, communities and the environment.

Regards,
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