## FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

**Date** March 1, 2012

**Project** Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (TGP)

300 Line Project

Sussex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey and Potter, Tioga, Bradford,

Susquehanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania

Docket No.: CP09-444-000

Authority: Section 7(b) and (c) of the Natural Gas Act and the certificate

procedures of Part 157, Subpart F

**Personnel** FERC Staff: David Hanobic and Ellen Saint Onge

Inspection Summary		
0	Problem Areas	
0	Non-Compliances	
<u>No</u>	Follow-Up Letter Required	
No	Refer to Enforcement	

#### Introduction

On March 1, 2012, David Hanobic and Ellen Saint Onge of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission), performed a restoration/winter stabilization inspection of the Bearfort Waters crossing on Loop 325 of the 300 Line Project in Passaic County, New Jersey. Staff also viewed Lake Lookover which is immediately downstream of Bearfort Waters.

The 300 Line Project expanded the natural gas delivery capacity to the northeast region of the United States by up to 350,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) and improved the reliability of TGP's existing 300 Line system. TGP constructed or modified the following facilities as components of the Project:

- approximately 127.4 miles of new 30-inch-diameter pipeline loops in seven separate segments in Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania; and Sussex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey;
  - Loop 325 16.0 Miles
  - Loop 323 14.9 Miles
  - Loop 321 22.3 Miles
  - Loop 319 16.7 Miles
- Loop 317 22.5 Miles
- Loop 315 17.0 Miles
- Loop 313 16.9 Miles
- new compressor stations in Venango and McKean Counties, Pennsylvania;
- seven existing compressor stations modifications in Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Susquehanna, and Pike Counties, Pennsylvania, and Sussex County, New Jersey; and
- appurtenant aboveground facilities including mainline valves and pig launchers and receivers.

The Project went into service on November 1, 2011.

The purpose of the inspection was to determine TGP's compliance with the environmental conditions of the Commission's Order for the subject project and to inspect the restoration and stabilization of the pipeline right-of-way in the immediate area of Bearfort Waters. Concerns about TGP's crossing of Bearfort Waters and downstream impacts were the subject of a recent congressional letter received by FERC, which was responding to sedimentation complaints from a landowner on Lake Lookover.

The findings of the inspection were that no instances of noncompliance or problem areas were observed. The site map and color photographic records are presented at the end of the report.

#### **Inspection**

On March 1, 2012, staff inspected the Bearfort Waters crossing and adjacent right-of-way, part of Loop 325. The weather conditions were cloudy with flurries and temperatures in the 30's. The inspection took place from public roads and right-of-way. The banks at the crossing location were stable (Photo 1) and the adjacent right-of-way was also stable (Photo 2). Erosion control devices (ECD) were installed and were functional. Restoration is proceeding satisfactorily. Neither Bearfort Waters (Photo 3) nor Lake Lookover (Photo 4) showed any visible turbidity at the time of inspection.

### **Conclusions and Recommendations**

A follow-up letter is not required at this time because no instances of noncompliance or problem areas that observed. The next inspection to document the environmental conditions of the project will be scheduled for Spring 2012, when TGP resumes with final restoration activities.

# Table 1 **Compliance Inspection Locations for** Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company 300 Line Project Docket No.: CP09-444-000

December 6, 7, and 8, 2011

Milepost/ Loop No.	Location / Resource	Conditions Observed	Photo No.
11.5 / 325	Bearfort Waters	Right-of-way restoration proceeding satisfactorily.	1
11.5 / 325	Bearfort Waters	Right-of-way restoration proceeding satisfactorily.	2
11.5 / 325	Bearfort Waters	Bearfort Waters. Note the lack of turbidity. Crossing location appears stable.	3
11.5 / 325	Lake Lookover	Lake Lookover. No turbidity noted.	4

### SITE MAP

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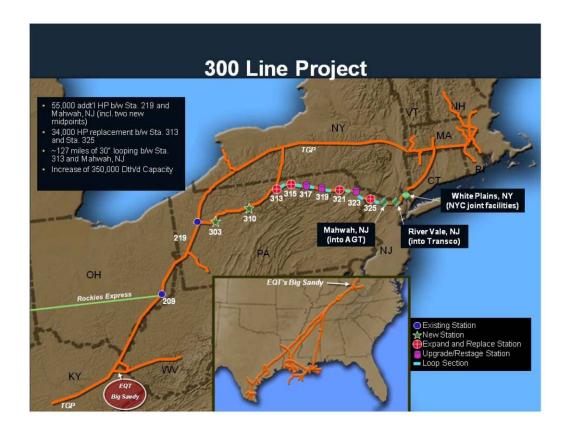




Photo No.: 1

**Date:** March 1, 2012 6, 2011

**MP/Loop No.:** MP 11.5 / 325

**Direction:** West

Comments: Bearfort Waters – banks appeared stable. Some revegetation had occurred. All ECD's were functioning, with the silt fence in the foreground needing

some minor repair.



Photo No.: 2

**Date:** March 1, 2012

**MP/Loop No.:** MP 11.5 / 325

**Direction:** East

Comments: Adjacent right-of-way to Bearfort Waters. Some revegetation had occurred. All ECD's were functioning.

Restoration proceeding satisfactorily.



**Photo No.:** 3

**Date:** March 1, 2012

**MP/Loop No.:** MP 11.5 / 325

**Direction:** West

**Comments:** Bearfort Waters – No noticeable turbidity. Lake bottom

appeared stable.



Photo No.: 4

**Date:** March 1, 2012

**MP/Loop No.:** MP 11.5 / 325

**Direction:** East

**Comments:** Lake Lookover – No turbidity noted at time of inspection.

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