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Dear Landowner:

Enclosed is the filing made by Midwestern Gas Transmission Company ("MGT") with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in response to comments of Columbia Gulf Transmission Company ("Columbia Gulf").

The MGT Eastern Extension Project offers the benefits of increased natural gas supply reliability, increased reliability and flexibility in the natural gas transportation grid and access to lower priced natural gas. The MGT Eastern Extension Project offers an opportunity for competition and to provide these benefits while meeting the growing demands for natural gas.

Over 80% of the capacity on this proposed line has been purchased to serve the growing needs of the greater Nashville area. It is important to understand that the Project is not merely increasing natural gas pipeline *capacity* in the area; rather it provides the Nashville area with a new *source* of natural gas supplies. Instead of continuing to rely solely on natural gas supplies from the Gulf Coast, the Nashville area will have access to Canadian, Rocky Mountain, Mid-Continent and, in the future, Alaskan and MacKenzie Delta, natural gas supplies via the Chicago Hub. Consequently, the Nashville area will benefit from both increased price competition among natural gas shippers and enhanced supply security.

As we are all well aware, natural gas prices can have a profound impact on the economic stability and quality of life of families in both rural and metropolitan areas, such as those typical of the greater Nashville area. Direct effects of natural gas prices include home heating costs and farmers' abilities to purchase affordable ammonia-based fertilizer; indirect effects include the ability of local industries to retain jobs while offering lower cost products in a globally competitive environment. Projects such as MGT's Eastern Extension are vitally important in providing the opportunity for market competition to address these types of effects while meeting the growing demands for natural gas.

FERC is the agency that will ultimately decide whether the MGT Eastern Extension Project is approved. It is FERC's policy to support supply choices and competitive alternatives like those offered by the MGT Eastern Extension Project even if this results in replacing services provided by an existing pipeline such as Columbia Gulf.

We realize that some landowners might still have questions regarding the installation of a natural gas pipeline on their property. MGT would be glad to discuss the proposed routing, construction, restoration, and operating plans and procedures that minimize the impact of the Project on landowners and to the overall environment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the MGT Eastern Extension Project, please contact your Right-of-Way Agent or Jim Ehlers toll free at 877-450-3206.

Sincerely,

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