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EPD to Host Q&A Session and Public Hearing on the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company (Transco) Comer Facility Title V Air Quality Operating Permit Renewal

(ATLANTA – January 5, 2012) – The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) will host a forum Thursday, February 2 in Comer to answer questions and also receive formal comments regarding the Title V Air Quality Operating permit renewal for Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) Station #130 located at 117 Winns Lake Road, in Comer, Georgia.

The meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conclude no later than 8:30 p.m., will be held at Comer Elementary School. The school is located at 565 Gholston Street, Comer, Georgia 30629.

The purpose of this meeting is to present information and to answer questions about the air quality permitting review process. During the meeting, EPD representatives will make a brief presentation before holding a Q&A session with those attending. EPD will follow the Q&A session with a public hearing to receive formal comments regarding the proposed permit renewal.

“We value the comments we receive from the public, and we will consider all air quality related comments prior to making a decision whether to recommend permit issuance.” said Eric Cornwell, manager of the Stationary Source Permitting Program of EPD’s Air Protection Branch. “

Transco’s pipeline system transports natural gas from onshore and offshore wells in the Gulf of Mexico and South Texas to customers in the Southeastern and Northeastern United States. Transco operates several compressor stations in North Georgia and adjacent states. These compressor stations, also referred to as pump stations or boost stations, are located along the Transco gas transmission line. Natural gas fired combustion turbines and engines are used to drive compressor pumps which move the gas through the transmission line.

EPD’s primary purpose in issuing this permit is to identify and consolidate existing State and Federal air requirements applicable to Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC – Compressor Station 130 and to provide practical methods for determining compliance with these requirements. The initial Title V permit for this facility was issued on March 7, 2000, and the first renewal permit was issued August 9, 2006. Federal law requires that Title V permits be renewed once every 5 years. The renewal application was received by EPD on February 3, 2011. EPD is preparing this permit in accordance with Title V of the Clean Air Act.

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A Title V Air Quality Permit brings together all federal, state and local air pollution control requirements into a single, comprehensive "operating permit" that covers all aspects of a facility's year-to-year air emission activities. It also is intended to give citizens easier access to information about a facility's pollution controls that are required by federal, state and local authorities.

Please send written and email comments to the following addresses by February 9, 2012:

Written comments to:

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Attn: Eric Cornwell
4244 International Parkway
Suite 120
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Email comments to: epdcomments@dnr.state.ga.us

Please include "Transco Pipe Line" in the subject line.

For information on the permit application or review process, please contact Eric Cornwell, 404-363-7020, or John Yntema, 404-363-7117. For information about the Q&A session and public hearing, please contact Thomas Smith, 404-362-2790.

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