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Columbia Gas Transmission hosts open houses for Line 1278 – Line K Pipeline Replacement

Easton, Pa. – March 2, 2010 – Columbia Gas Transmission announces that it will host open houses in Orange County, N.Y., and Pike County, Pa., to discuss proposed plans to replace and upgrade a segment of its Line 1278 and Line K pipelines.

The Pennsylvania open house will be held on Wednesday, March 10, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Best Western Inn at Hunts Landing, located at 120 Routes 6 & 209, Matamoras. Representatives from Columbia will be on hand to speak with and answer questions. Potentially impacted landowners have received invitations in the mail, and all affected landowners are invited to attend.

Columbia is proposing to replace approximately 17 miles of its existing Line 1278 and Line K pipelines as a part of our commitment to continue safe and reliable natural gas transportation to meet the energy needs of the region. A majority of the proposed project will be completed through a 'lift and lay' process, in which the existing pipeline will be removed and replaced with a new pipeline in the same right-of-way.

As units of NiSource, Inc., the NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage companies include Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, Hardy Storage, Millennium Pipeline and Crossroads Pipeline. Combined, the companies operate about 15,000 miles of interstate natural gas pipeline and 37 storage fields, delivering over 1 trillion cubic feet of natural gas per year. For more information about NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage, please visit www.ngts.com.

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