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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Ms. Gwen R. Pinson
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 615
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, KY 40602

Re:

In the Matter of: The Application of Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc., for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Implementation of a Pipeline Replacement Program, Approval of Financing Pursuant to KRS 278.300 and the Application of Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc., and Burkesville Gas Company, Inc., for Approval of a Gas Pipeline Replacement Surcharge and Tariff - Case No. 2017-00168 – Post Case Correspondence

Dear Ms. Pinson:

Pursuant to ordering paragraph 12 of the Commission's August 29, 2017 Order, attached is an update on the status of the completion of the PRP projects of Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc.'s, ("Apache"). Upon total completion of the projects, Apache will file within sixty days the actual amount spent on the projects and within ninety days of the completion, Apache will file the "as built" drawings. Apache anticipates final completion by the end of September 2019.

Sincerely.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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This Pipeline Replacement Program projects' status summary includes the five (5) areas that were identified to be replaced and have been described in communications between the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") officials and Apache Gas Transmission Company (the "Company") personnel since 2013, an additional area that was added with the Company's 2017 PRP application to the PSC and an additional section added this year as a result of the main gas line that ruptured at Marrowbone Creek on December 31, 2018.

1. <u>Cliff Norris Section</u> – estimated current percent completed - 80%

This section is currently a 6" main that is being replaced with 6" main. It has the steepest grade of all the sections with grades estimated to be as much as 30% to 35%. This section goes up a hill on one side and down the other. During periods of dry weather, there is good access to the bottom of both sides of the hill. Additionally, there was an abandoned logging road to the top of this hill that had been used in the past and has now been re-opened for easier access to this section.

The distance from the bottom of the upstream side to the top of the hill is 240'. The upstream side of this section is by far the steepest side. The company contracted with a utility contractor that bored a 10" opening at approximately a 3-foot depth from the bottom of the upstream side of this section to the top of the hill and then pulled a pre-pressure tested 6" black high-density plastic gas line back through.

Only a portion of the line on the downstream side of this hill is exposed but, since the old logging road was reopened, and the grade of the downstream side is not nearly as steep, we are now able to get an excavator to this area but, the ground must be <u>very</u> dry. After the ground is sufficiently dry an excavator will be used to replace the downstream section with new line. We anticipate this section to be completely finished by the end of September.

2. <u>Spoon Branch Section --</u> current percent complete - 100%

This section was a 3" main that was replaced with a 6" main. This section was estimated to be 75% rock and the grade was very steep but less than the grade of the Cliff Norris Section. This section was 851' long.

3. <u>Doug Lewis Section A</u> -- current percent complete- 100%

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This section was a 3" main that was replaced with 6" main and is approximately 170' long. It was estimated this section is 100% shale rock and the grade is much less than the Cliff Norris Section.

4. <u>Doug Lewis Section B</u> - current percent complete -100%

This section was a 3" main that was replaced with a 6" main, approximately 600' long. The grade was very steep but less than the Cliff Norris Section. It was estimated this section is about 50% rock.

5. <u>Doug Lewis Section C</u> - current percent complete - 100%

This section was a 3" main that was replaced, with a 6" main, and is approximately 2,000' long. This section is nearly a 0% grade. It was estimated this section is approximately 20% shale rock.

6. Allen Creek Road Drainage Ditch Section (added in 2017) - estimated current percent complete - 80%

This section is approximately 150 'of 3" line that is being replaced with a 6" line. It is approximately 25% grade on either side of this section and the area to be replaced is estimated to be 100% rock. This ditch has been opened and the 6" line to be used has been fused together and tested. We are waiting for the area and surrounding area to dry so this section can be completed. We anticipate this section to be completely finished by the end of September.

7. Marrowbone Creek Section (added in 2019) - current percent complete - 100%

This section is approximately 200' long that crosses Marrowbone Creek near the Marrowbone city park, and had a 6" plastic line that was replaced with a black high density plastic 6"gas main. A utility contractor was hired to bore a 10" opening at approximately a 3' depth under Marrowbone Creek (100% rock) then pulled a pre-fused and pre-tested, 6" high density black gas main. Both ends of the new 6" main have been fused to the existing line on either side of Marrowbone Creek.