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***RE: Request to Remove Visible Emission Testing Requirement – Tier I Operating Permit Number T1-050103 and Permit to Construct Number 017-00037***

Dear Mr. Rogers:

On May 22, 2006, the renewed Station 4 Tier 1 Operating Permit (Permit) was issued. With this renewal, provisions from the Permit to Construct (PTC) Number 017-00037 were incorporated. The PTC was issued to allow the construction and interim operation of a new replacement turbine for Unit 4A. The original PTC contained a condition (reference Condition 2.7.3) requiring visible emissions to be measured during performance tests. The renewed Permit incorporated this requirement as Permit Condition 5.8.3.

The turbines used at Compressor Station 4 are designed to exclusively burn pipeline grade natural gas. By burning only natural gas, the turbines produce zero visible emissions at all loads. The visible emission tests done in accordance with the applicable requirements confirm the turbine emits zero visible emissions.

TransCanada is requesting the requirement for conducting visible emission tests be removed from both the PTC and current operating permit.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to call me at 509-533-2841.

Sincerely,

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