January 18, 2017

The Honorable Norman Bay, Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC
Atlantic Sunrise Project
Docket No. CP15-138-000

Dear Chairman Bay:

The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) is writing to support Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company’s (Transco’s) recent request for the Commission to approve the Atlantic Sunrise Project by February 16, 2017. As detailed by Transco, the US Fish and Wildlife Service as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection have imposed restrictions on when certain activities can take place in order to minimize the environmental impacts. If those environmental windows are missed, this critical project could be significantly delayed.

On April 27, 2015, NGSA filed comments in support of the Atlantic Sunrise Project describing the many benefits that this project will provide and stated that unnecessary delays in building needed pipelines will only hurt American businesses and households. The Atlantic Sunrise Project will add capacity on Transco’s system that will improve natural gas reliability on the East Coast and will also give Transco more flexibility to meet its customers’ needs. As natural gas producers and suppliers, we understand the intricacies involved in the sequencing of construction and the
complications that can result from awaiting a permit. Given the Commission’s favorable Final Environmental Impact Statement, we urge the Commission to issue an order certificating Atlantic Sunrise without delay.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO
Natural Gas Supply Association

cc: Commissioner Cheryl LaFleur
    Commissioner Colette Honorable