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## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°F	degrees Fahrenheit
%g	percent of acceleration due to gravity
µg	microgram
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
AMSL	above mean sea level
ANR	ANR Pipeline Company
APE	area of potential effect
AQCRs	Air Quality Control Regions
BA	Biological Assessment
BACT	best available control technology
Bcf/d	billion cubic feet per day
BMSL	below mean sea level
BOD	biochemical oxygen demand
BTU	British thermal units
CAA	Clean Air Act
CEGT or Applicant	Centerpoint Energy Gas Transmission Company
CEQ	Council on Environmental Quality
Certificate	Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CO	carbon monoxide
COE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Columbia Gulf	Columbia Gulf Transmission Company
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CWA	Clean Water Act
dBA	decibels on the A-weighted scale
DDCP	Directional Drill Contingency Plan
DEFS	Duke Energy Field Services
DOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
ECMR Program	Environmental Compliance Monitoring and Reporting Program
EI	Environmental Inspector
EIA	U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
Enbridge	Enbridge Energy Partners, LP
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESD	emergency shut down
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FERC or Commission	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FR	Federal Register
FWS	U. S. Fish And Wildlife Service
GIS	Geographic Information System
Gulf South	Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP
HAP	hazardous air pollutant

## ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

HCA	high consequence area
HDD	horizontal directional drill
hp	horsepower
HPL	Houston Pipe Line Company
kPa	kilopascals
LAC	Louisiana Administrative Code
L <sub>d</sub>	daytime sound level
LDEQ	Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
L <sub>dn</sub>	day-night sound level
LDOT	Louisiana Department of Transportation
LDWF	Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
L <sub>eq(24)</sub>	24-hour equivalent sound level
L <sub>n</sub>	nighttime sound level
LNG	liquefied natural gas
M/R Station	Meter/Regulator Station
m <sup>3</sup>	cubic meter
MACT	Maximum Achievable Control Technology
MAOP	maximum allowable operating pressure
Memorandum	Memorandum of Understanding on Natural Gas Transportation Facilities
MLRA	Major Land Resource Areas
MLV	Mainline Valve
MP	milepost
MW	megawatt
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NGA	Natural Gas Act
NGPSA	Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act
NHP)	National Historic Preservation Act
NNSR	Nonattainment New Source Review
NO <sub>2</sub>	nitrogen dioxide
NOI	<i>Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement</i>
NO <sub>x</sub>	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPS	National Park Service
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NRI	Nationwide Rivers Inventory
NSA	noise sensitive area
NSPS	New Source Performance Standards
NSR	New Source Review
NWI	National Wetlands Inventory
O <sub>3</sub>	ozone
OEP	FERC Office of Energy Projects

ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS (continued)

OPS	Office of Pipeline Safety
PD	Preliminary Determination on Non-Environmental Issues
PEM	palustrine emergent
PFO	palustrine forested
PHMSA	Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Plan	FERC's <i>Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan</i>
PM <sub>10</sub>	particulate matter having an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	particulate matter having an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 microns or less
Procedures	FERC's <i>Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures</i>
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
PSS	palustrine scrub-shrub
PUB	palustrine unconsolidated bottom
Regency	Regency Intrastate Gas, LLC
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SO <sub>2</sub>	sulfur dioxide
SPCC Plan	Spill Prevention, Containment, and Control Plan
SSURGO	Soil Survey Geographic Database
STATSGO	State Soil Geographic Database
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Tcf	trillion cubic feet
Texas Gas	Texas Gas Transmission, LLC
TIMED	Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development
TPWD	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
tpy	tons per year
Trunkline	Trunkline Gas Company, LLC
TTC Project	Trans-Texas Corridor Project
TxDOT	Texas Department of Transportation
USC	United States Code
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
VOCs	volatile organic compounds
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
WRP	Wetland Reserve Program