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**For Immediate Release:**

**Columbia Pipeline Group Announces \$1.75 Billion in New Investments To Serve Appalachian Supply Basins**

- *Infrastructure enhancements will provide producers with critically needed access to Midwest, Gulf Coast markets*
- *Ohio, West Virginia pipeline project expected to generate new jobs and tax revenues*

**August 12, 2014**—Columbia Pipeline Group (CPG), a unit of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI), today announced a total of \$1.75 billion in new investment in infrastructure that will enable it to transport up to 1.5 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/D) of natural gas from Marcellus and Utica production areas to markets served by its Columbia Gas Transmission (Columbia Transmission) and Columbia Gulf Transmission (Columbia Gulf) pipeline systems.

The new investments include two significant projects, one of which involves construction by Columbia Transmission of a new natural gas pipeline in Ohio and West Virginia that will enhance its existing infrastructure and support natural gas supply development in western Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia and eastern Ohio.

“We have been a part of Ohio and West Virginia for more than 100 years and have an unparalleled footprint in the Marcellus and Utica production areas,” said **Glen Kettering**, CPG’s chief executive officer. “These newly announced investments reaffirm our commitment to this important region and will increase the capacity and flexibility of the Columbia Transmission and Columbia Gulf systems to further enhance transportation options for producers in Appalachia. In addition, this investment will further support our commitment to economic growth and development by creating new project-related jobs and generating ongoing tax revenue for local communities.”

The proposed Ohio and West Virginia pipeline, known as Columbia Transmission’s Leach XPress project, is supported by long-term firm service agreements with Range Resources - Appalachia, LLC, Noble Energy, Inc., Kaiser Marketing Appalachian, LLC and American Energy Utica - LLC. The project, which involves construction of approximately 160 miles of pipeline, compression and related facilities on Columbia Transmission’s system, will provide access to multiple Marcellus and Utica receipt points and establish a substantial new header system serving the heart of the Appalachian supply basin.

### ***Delivering Appalachia Supplies to Growing Markets***

As production volumes continue to grow in the Marcellus and emerging Utica shale plays, Columbia Transmission has been working closely with natural gas producers to provide new transportation options to move gas out of the capacity-constrained supply basin and into the interstate market. The Leach XPress project will increase the capacity of Columbia Transmission's system by 1.5 Bcf/D and move regional gas supplies to various markets, including its interconnect with Columbia Gulf in Leach, Kentucky. By connecting production areas to Columbia Transmission's mainline system, the project will allow producers access to high-demand energy markets and support delivery of affordable, domestic energy for consumers.

A second project included in the overall investment announced today, which is supported by long-term firm service agreements with the same four shippers, will provide additional capability for shippers to efficiently transport Appalachian production to markets via Columbia Gulf, which spans a corridor stretching from the U.S. Gulf Coast to Appalachia. Columbia Gulf's Rayne XPress project primarily involves the addition of compression to Columbia Gulf's existing pipeline facilities to provide transportation of over 1.0 Bcf/D for the project shippers. The project is supported by long-term firm shipping contracts.

### ***Focus on Safety and the Environment***

In addition to generating substantial local economic benefits, CPG's projects are designed, constructed and operated with a core focus on safety and respect for landowners and local natural resources. CPG's efforts to meet and exceed safety and environmental standards have earned the company awards and recognition from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the American Gas Association. CPG also shares in NiSource's worldwide status as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies as determined and designated by the Ethisphere Institute.

### ***Working Closely with Residents and the Community***

CPG has already begun extensive outreach to landowners and communities in areas where the projects will take place. Prior to construction, the projects will undergo comprehensive and transparent environmental reviews overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Throughout the review period, CPG's project teams will continue to work closely with landowners, local officials and communities to provide up-to-date information and ensure community involvement in the process.

CPG anticipates initiating construction of both projects in fall 2016, with a targeted in-service date during the second half of 2017.

For more information about Columbia Pipeline Group, visit: [www.columbiapipelinegroup.com](http://www.columbiapipelinegroup.com).

## **About Columbia Pipeline Group**

As units of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI), the CPG companies also include Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission, Crossroads Pipeline, Central Kentucky Transmission and Hardy Storage. Combined with CPG's operation of Millennium Pipeline Company, the CPG 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 Columbia Pipeline Group, please visit [www.columbiapipelinegroup.com](http://www.columbiapipelinegroup.com). Connect with CPG on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/columbiapipelinegroup](http://www.facebook.com/columbiapipelinegroup).

## **About NiSource**

NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI), based in Merrillville, Ind., is a Fortune 500 company engaged in natural gas transmission, storage and distribution, as well as electric generation, transmission and distribution. NiSource operating companies deliver energy to 3.8 million customers located within the high-demand energy corridor stretching from the Gulf Coast through the Midwest to New England. Information about NiSource and its subsidiaries is available at [www.nisource.com](http://www.nisource.com). NI-F

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