COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION ∕Ç/O DONNA MOORE

# HARDY STORAGE FIELD



### SUBSURFACE EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE

This agreement, made the 30 day of April, 2007, between Thomas H. Price, III and Esther M. Price, 13321 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 110, Silver Springs, MD 20904 (hereafter "Landowner"), and Hardy Storage Company, LLC, a Limited Liability Company organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22033, its successors and assigns, (hereafter "Hardy"),

#### WITNESSETH

GRANT. In consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency thereof is hereby acknowledged, Landowner grants to Hardy the exclusive and permanent easement, insofar as Landowner has the right to do so, to utilize the premises described in the DESCRIPTION clause for underground gas storage in the Storage Zone defined in the STORAGE ZONE clause, by injecting, holding in storage, and withdrawing gas, regardless of the source thereof, by pumping or otherwise, through wells operated on other lands in the same gas storage field, and protecting gas stored in the gas storage field of which the premises are a part. The phrase "gas storage field" is defined for the purposes of this Agreement to include not only the area of the reservoir in which gas is stored, but also the protective area designated by Hardy around the storage reservoir according to applicable laws or regulations or according to Hardy's general practices relating to underground gas storage.

**DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.** The premises are Landowner's lands in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, which lands are described as follows:

- 1. 52.742 Acres (Parcel 1) of 146.352 acres, more or less, situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, more particularly described in the land records of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book No. 212, page 135, and identified as Tax Parcel ID 03-209-0025.0000-0000.
- 2. 52.741 Acres (Parcel 2) of 146.352 acres, more or less, situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, more particularly described in the land records of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book No. 208, page 631, and identified as Tax Parcel ID 03-228-0009.0001-0000.
- 3. 40.869 Acres (Parcel 3) of 146.352 acres, more or less, situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, more particularly described in the land records of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book No. 212, page 35, and identified as Tax Parcel ID 03-228-0009.0000-0000.

STORAGE ZONE: The Storage Zone is defined for the purposes of this Agreement as the Oriskany sandstone formation, about 6,800 feet below the surface and being that stratigraphic interval encompassed between a point 100 feet above the top of the first occurrence of the Middle Devonian Needmore Shale down to a point 250 feet below the base of the last occurrence of the Middle Devonian Oriskany sandstone, including repeated or faulted sections, when and where present, of the Needmore shale, Oriskany sandstone and Helderberg limestone.

HARDY COVENANT: Hardy agrees that in consideration of Landowner's agreement to this Subsurface Easement that neither Hardy nor Hardy's successors and assigns, nor any related entity, nor any entity that Hardy or Hardy's successors and assigns have dominion or control over, nor any of said entities' successors and assigns, will drill any well on the three (3) parcels of property in any manner for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of this conveyance.

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RESERVATION OF SURFACE: Landowner excepts and reserves all surface rights, and does not by these presents grants to Hardy any right whatsoever to use the surface of the premises in any way.

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER FORMATIONS: (1) PROTECTION OF THE STORAGE ZONE: Subsequent exploration and development of oil and gas formations above or below the Storage Zone as defined in the STORAGE ZONE clause shall be subservient to Hardy's rights under this Agreement.

Landowner covenants, for Landowner and those holding under Landowner, not to commit any act which would endanger any person or property, including persons or property involved in the subsequent exploration and development, or which would result in the escape or removal of gas from the Storage Zone, and also covenants to give full protection to Hardy's rights hereunder in future leases and other transactions respecting the land subject to this Agreement.

- (2) NOTICE TO COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION CORPORATION ("COLUMBIA"): Columbia shall be given notice of every application for a permit to drill or to perform any other work for which a permit is required involving accept on the land subject to this Agreement to explore or develop formations above or below the Storage Zone. The notice shall be given to Columbia by the applicant for the permit, by mailing to Columbia a copy of the permit application addressed to Storage Department, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, P.O. Box 1273, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1273, by certified or registered mail, at least 15 days before the operator of the well proposes to commence the drilling or other work.
- (3) LIMITATION OF LANDOWNER'S LIABILITY: Landowner shall not be liable for any breach of covenant under this EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT clause by any person holding under Landowner.
- (4) INVIOLABILITY OF THE STORAGE ZONE: Nothing in this EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT clause or elsewhere in this Agreement shall be construed to entitle Landowner to explore for, develop, or produce oil and gas from the Storage Zone.

ENTIRE CONTRACT. The entire agreement between Landowner and Hardy is embodied herein. No oral warranties, representations, or prontises have been made or relied upon by either party as an inducement to or modification of this Agreement.

SUCCESSORS. All rights and duties under this Agreement benefit and bind Landowner and Hardy and their heirs, successors, and assigns.

**DECLARATION OF CONSIDERATION.** Onder the penalties of fine and imprisonment as provided by law, Landowner declares that the total consideration paid for the property transferred by this document is \$7,317.60.

WITNESS the following signature(s) this 35 day of April 2007.

Thomas H. Price III

Esther M. Price

HARDY STORAGE COMPANY, LLC

Reed D. Robinson, Vice President

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Transfer Tax: \$33.00

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Operator gned and acknowledged in the presence of: STATEOF MAR , to-wit: عرباله المراج , a Notary Public in and for said state, do hereby certify that Thomas Notary Public ( My Commission Expires STATE OF MAN COUNTY OF MONTEONER ممطلط, a Notary Public in and for said state, do hereby certify that Esther M. Price whose name as in the writing above, has this day acknowledged the same before me. Notary Public My Commission Expires STATE OF MYC COUNTY OF Kana to-wit: a Notary Public in and for said state, do hereby certify that n. Robin Scn., Vice President of Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation, Operator, for Hardy Storage Company, LLC, whose name is signed to the writing above, has this day acknowledged the same before me. day of HOr **WATATY PLUBAGE** this 2007. STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA JESSICA N. WHITE P. O. Box 55 Lizemore, WV 25125 Notary Public Ny Commission Expires May 9, 2011 My Commission Expires Way This instrument prepared by: NiSource Corporate Services Company Legal Department 1700 MacCorkle Avenue SE Charleston, WV 25314 Completed by Mary Sue Schulberg, Senior Attorney This document presented and filed: Q/10/2007 02:06:19 PM Gregory L. Ely, Hardy County, WV

COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION CAO DONNA MOORE



### **CONVEYANCE OF ORISKANY GAS**

This conveyance is made and entered into this day of April, 2007, by and between Thomas H. Price, III and Esther Price, 13321 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 110, Silver Spring, MD 20904 (hereinafter "Grantor", whether one or more) and Hardy Storage Company, LLC, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of West Virginia, 12801 Fair Lakes Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22033 (hereinafter Grantee");

#### WITNESSETH

That for and in consideration of Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency thereof is acknowledged, Grantor hereby grants and conveys unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, with covenants of general warranty, all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the natural gas and products thereof which may be contained within the Oriskany formation or stratum in and underlying the following tracts(s) or parcel(s) of land:

- 1. 52.742 Acres (Parcel 1) of 146.352 acres, more or less, situate in Moorefield District, Hardy County, West Virginia, more particularly described in the land records of Hardy County, West Virginia in Deed Book No. 212, page 135, and identified as Dax Parcel ID 03-209-0025.0000-0000.
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Said Oriskany formation or stratum being that stratigraphic interval encompassed between a point 100 feet above the top of the first occurrence of the Middle Devonian Needmore shale down to a point 250 feet below the base of the last occurrence of the Middle Devonian Oriskany sandstone. This stratigraphic interval includes repeated or faulted sections, when and where present, of the Needmore shale, Oriskany sandstone and Helderberg limestone.

Grantee agrees that in consideration of Grantor's agreement to this conveyance that neither Grantee or Grantee's successors and assigns for any related entity, nor any entity that the Grantee or Grantee's successors and assigns have dominion or control over, nor any of said entities' successors and assigns, will drill any well on the three (3) parcels of property in any manner for a period of fifty (50) years from the date of this conveyance.

RESERVATION OF SURFACE: Landowner excepts and reserves all surface rights, and does not by these presents grant to Hardy any right to use the surface of the premises in any way.

DECLARATION OF CONSIDERATION. Under the penalties of fine and imprisonment as provided by law, Grantor declares that the total consideration paid for the property transferred by this document is \$62,682.40, plus \$1,000 settlement bonus.

WITHESS the following signatures and seals:

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SIGNATURE OF GRANTOR

(SEAL)

Thomas H. Price, III

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Esther M. Price

SIGNATURE OF GRANTEE HARDY STORAGE COMPANY, LLC

By:

(SEAL)

Reed D. Robinson, Vice President Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.

Operator

STATE OF MARYLAND.

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, to with

I, James T. Fitzgibbox, a Notary Public in and for said state, do hereby certify that Thomas H. Price, III, whose name is signed to the writing above, has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Given under my hand this 30th day of

2007

Notary Public

My Commission Expires 9

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