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**DC Circuit Court of Appeals Issues Administrative Stay
To Prevent Tree Felling For Leidy Southeast Pipeline Project
While Court Considers Legal Challenge**

Washington, DC, the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit issued an administrative stay that temporarily prevents tree felling initially approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee for the Transcontinental Leidy Southeast Pipeline project. According to the order, issued on March 11, 2015:

“**ORDERED** that FERC’s Order Issuing Certificate and Approving Abandonment, 149 FERC ¶ 61,258 (Dec. 18, 2014), and FERC’s letter granting requests to begin tree felling activities dated March 9, 2015, be stayed pending further order of the court. The purpose of this administrative stay is to give the court sufficient opportunity to consider the merits of the petition and should not be construed in any way as a ruling on the merits of the petition. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 33 (2013).”

“It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that FERC file a response to the petition, not exceeding thirty pages, by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 13, 2015, and that petitioner file a reply, not exceeding fifteen pages, by 12:00 noon on Monday, March 16, 2015. The parties are directed to hand-deliver the paper copies of their submissions to the court by the time and date due.”

The Courts ruling was issued in response to a legal action filed by the Delaware Riverkeeper Network on March 10, 2015 pursuant to the All Writs Act and challenging the FERC’s approval of Transcontinental’s Leidy Southeast Expansion Project.

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