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Mr. Jesus Soto, Jr.
Vice President, Operations Services
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
1001 Louisiana Street
P.O. Box 2511
Houston, TX 77252-2511

Re: CPF No. 3-2011-1001S

Dear Mr. Soto:

Enclosed please find a Consent Order incorporating the terms of the Consent Agreement that you signed on March 24, 2011. Service of the Consent Order and Consent Agreement by certified mail is deemed effective upon the date of mailing, or as otherwise provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Mr. David Barrett, Director, Central Region, PHMSA
Mr. Bill Cope, Vice President Eastern Operations, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company
Ms. Elizabeth Herdes, Counsel for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, DC 20590**

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In the Matter of)
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Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company,)
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Respondent.)
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CPF No. 3-2011-1001S

CONSENT ORDER

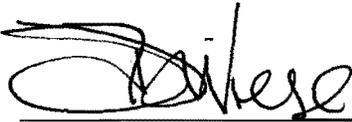
On March 11, 2011, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Office of Pipeline Safety issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company (Respondent) in this case.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.239, the Notice alleged that certain segments of Respondent’s natural gas pipeline system designated as the Line 200 Pipeline System have an apparent condition or conditions that, without corrective measures, would pose a pipeline integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment. Specifically, the Notice alleged that the conditions that caused the February 10, 2011 failure on Line 200-4 in mainline valve section 214 (Line Section 214-4) approximately 2.5 miles southeast of the town of Hanoverton, Ohio, and the March 1, 2011 failure on Line 200-1 in mainline valve section 209 (Line Section 209-1) approximately 0.5 miles downstream of Compressor Station 209, demonstrated the presence of integrity risks on those segments of Lines 200-1, 200-2, 200-3, and 200-4 running from Compressor Station 200 to Compressor Station 219 including the Pittsburg Spur (the “Affected Segments”). The Notice proposed that Respondent take certain actions to address these conditions.

In response to the Notice, Respondent and PHMSA engaged in good faith settlement discussions resulting in the Consent Agreement attached to this Order that settles all of the allegations in the Notice.

Accordingly, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Order. Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company is hereby ordered to comply with the terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.* and 49 C.F.R. § 190.221, failure to comply with this Consent Order may result in the assessment of administrative civil penalties of up to \$100,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case for judicial enforcement. The terms and conditions of this Consent Order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.



Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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Date Issued