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March 17, 2011

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Mr. David Barrett
Director, Central Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
901 Locust Street, Suite 462
Kansas City, MO 64106-2641

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Reference is made to the March 3, 2011 Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty issued to Dakota Gasification Company (CPF 3-2011-5001). This letter is to advise you that Dakota Gasification Company paid the proposed civil penalty of \$19,300 on March 11, 2011. The Fed Reference number of the wire transfer was: 0311 B1QGC01C 002462.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Foss".

Mark D. Foss
General Counsel

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c: Gary G. Loop
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