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Mr. Chris Hoidal, P.E.
 Director, Western Region
 Office of Pipeline Safety
 12300 W. Dakota Avenue, Suite 110
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RE: CPF No. 5-2007-1015

Dear Mr. Hoidal:

This letter will address the Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety Received on November 8, 2007 and received in our office on November 21st, 2007.

Two issues were noted and are addressed separately below:

1. A span was noted as being "severely oxidized" near Tampico, Montana at the time of the inspection. Williston Basin has two spans at this location across an irrigation ditch. These spans were originally coated and the coating was deteriorated to the point where disbanding was occurring. These spans were stripped of the coating and inspected on 12/6/07. The ~~pipe-to-soil~~ interfaces were recoated and the main spans will be primed and painted next spring. Some minor pitting was noted where the coating had trapped moisture however no repairs were required.
2. Pipe supports at the Glasgow Town Border Station were noted as not making contact with the pipe at the time of the inspection. On 12/18/07 new steel supports were installed to replace the old concrete supports that had settled.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,



Tony Finneman

Executive Vice President

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