

## **WARNING LETTER**

### **CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

January 15, 2015

Mr. Gary Buchler  
Vice President Engineering  
and Operations of KMI Pipeline  
Colorado Interstate Gas  
1001 Louisiana Street  
Houston, TX 77002

**CPF 5-2015-1001W**

Dear Mr. Buchler:

During the weeks of April 8, 2013 and April 28, 2014, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected your Colorado Interstate Gas (CIG) facilities in the Pueblo Area of Colorado.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The items inspected and the probable violation is:

**1. §192.935 What additional preventive and mitigative measures must an operator take?**

- (a) General requirements. An operator must take additional measures beyond those already required by Part 192 to prevent a pipeline failure and to mitigate the consequences of a pipeline failure in a high consequence area. An operator must base the additional measures on the threats the operator has identified to each pipeline segment. (See § 192.917) An operator must conduct, in accordance with one of the risk assessment approaches in ASME/ANSI B31.8S (incorporated by reference, see § 192.7), section 5, a risk analysis of its pipeline to identify additional measures to protect the high consequence area and enhance public safety. Such additional measures include, but are not limited to, installing Automatic Shut-off Valves [ASO] or Remote Control Valves [RCV], installing computerized monitoring and leak detection systems, replacing pipe segments with pipe of heavier wall thickness, providing additional training to personnel on response procedures, conducting drills with local emergency responders and implementing additional inspection and maintenance programs.**

CIG failed to implement the ASV and RCV study in a timely manner for adding protection to a high consequence area. The effective date of the Integrity Management regulations was December 2003. Part 192.935(a) requires a risk analysis be conducted per Section 5, ASME B31.8S to identify additional measures for protecting the high consequence area. Subsequently, CIG conducted the "ASV and RCV Study." At the time of inspection, interviews CIG personnel revealed that CIG added either ASV or RCV as a preventive and mitigative (P&M) measures for seven (7) high consequence areas (HCAs) within the Pueblo Area in March 2012 and one (1) HCA in December 2006. However, time period for implementing the ASV and RCV study was too long to enhance public safety.

Under 49 United States Code, § 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$200,000 per violation per day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$2,000,000 for a related series of violations. For violations occurring prior to January 4, 2012, the maximum penalty may not exceed \$100,000 per violation per day, with a maximum penalty not to exceed \$1,000,000 for a related series of violations. We have reviewed the circumstances and supporting documents involved in this case, and have decided not to conduct additional enforcement action or penalty assessment proceedings at this time. We advise you to correct the item(s) identified in this letter. Failure to do so will result in Colorado Interstate Gas being subject to additional enforcement action.

No reply to this letter is required. If you choose to reply, in your correspondence please refer to **CPF 5-2015-1001W**. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C.

552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

Sincerely,

Chris Hoidal  
Director, Western Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry  
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