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Of Transportation
**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration**

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

EXPRESS OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

May 23, 2011

Mr. Jeffrey L. Barger, Senior V.P.
Dominion Transmission, Inc.
445 West Main Street
Clarksburg, WV 26301

CPF 1-2011-1007M

Dear Mr. Barger:

Between July 15 and August 17, 2010, inspectors from the New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS), acting as agents for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected Dominion Transmission, Inc (DTI) procedures for Operations and Maintenance (O&M), in Woodhull, NY.

On the basis of the inspection, PHMSA has identified the apparent inadequacy found within DTI's plans or procedures, as described below:

1. § 192.605 Procedural manual for operations, maintenance, and emergencies.

(b) *Maintenance and normal operations.* The manual required by paragraph (a) of this section must include procedures for the following, if applicable, to provide safety during maintenance and operations.

(7) Starting, operating and shutting down gas compressor units.

At the time of the NYSDPS inspection, DTI had no startup, operating or shutdown procedures at the Woodhull compressor station specifically for gas Compressor Unit 7 and Unit 8 at the Woodhull Compressor Station, in Woodhull, NY as required by DTI Work Procedure OQ-001-G, page 4, step 5; and, by DTI Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 16, Section 60.

DTI must prepare procedures covering the areas noted above.

Response to this Notice

This Notice is provided pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60108(a) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.237. Enclosed as part of this Notice is a document entitled *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*. Please refer to this document and note the response options. 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). If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, this constitutes a waiver of your right to contest the allegations in this Notice and authorizes the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to find facts as alleged in this Notice without further notice to you and to issue a Final Order.

If, after opportunity for a hearing, your plans or procedures are found inadequate as alleged in this Notice, you may be ordered to amend your plans or procedures to correct the inadequacies (49 C.F.R. § 190.237). If you are not contesting this Notice, we propose that you submit your amended procedures to my office within **30** days of receipt of this Notice. This period may be extended by written request for good cause. Once the inadequacies identified herein have been addressed in your amended procedures, this enforcement action will be closed.

It is requested (not mandated) that Dominion Transmission, Inc. maintain documentation of the safety improvement costs associated with fulfilling this Notice of Amendment (preparation/revision of plans, procedures) and submit the total to Byron Coy, PE, PHMSA Director, Eastern Region, 820 Bear Tavern Rd, Suite 103, 820 Bear Tavern Rd, West Trenton, NJ, 08628. In correspondence concerning this matter, please refer to **CPF 1-2011-1007M** and, for each document you submit, please provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible.

Sincerely,

Byron Coy, PE
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Cc: NYSDPS - Mr. Gavin Nicoletta

Enclosure: *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*