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September 27, 2012

Mr. Byron Coy
Director – Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Division
Office of Pipeline Safety
820 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 103
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

CPF No. 1-2012-1019

**Re: Williams Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (Transco)
Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty and Proposed Compliance
Order August 20, 2012
Ellicott City, Maryland**

Dear Mr. Coy:

Pursuant to the referenced subject letter, the following is offered for your consideration.

Near the date of the letter, our president, Randy Barnard, went on disability and within two weeks, passed away after a three year battle with cancer. The enforcement letter was received in the Houston office but did not reach Pipeline Safety for handling which caused a delay in responding to your office. We have since located the original letter and are not contesting the findings in the letter and have requested wire payment of the fine in the amount of \$42,500 which should reach your office within the next few days. We, however, respectfully request a 30-day extension to item 1 and a 30-day extension to item 2 from the Proposed Compliance Order.

We apologize for our mishandling of the document and hope you can understand our circumstances and grant the extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie G. Sotak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Marie G. Sotak
Manager, Pipeline Safety