

September 21, 2007

Ivan A. Huntoon
Director, Central Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
901 Locust Street, Suite 462
Kansas City, MO 64106-2641

Re: **CPF 3-2007-1014**

Dear Mr. Huntoon:

This letter is written in response to the above-referenced notice of probable violation and proposed civil penalty received from your office. CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Company has thoroughly reviewed all items identified in your correspondence.

In regard to the probable violation CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Company has determined that it will elect not to contest the assessed civil penalty. CenterPoint Energy-Mississippi River Transmission Company initiated the wire payment in full in the amount of \$71,000.00 on September 20, 2007. We have also taken actions to correct the underlying circumstances that prompted your office issuance of CPF 3-2007-1014.

CenterPoint Energy has always stressed, and will continue to stress, the importance of Pipeline Safety. We are continually working to ensure and improve the effectiveness of our Pipeline Safety Program.

If you have any questions concerning the actions we have taken, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,



Johnny Cavitt, Manager of DOT Compliance
for Walter Ferguson
Division Sr. VP & COO Pipeline Services

cc: Debbie Ristig Frank Antoine
 Scott Mundy Johnny Cavitt