

By Electronic Mail

May 11, 2022

Mr. Gregory Ochs
Director, Central Region
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
901 Locust Street, Suite 480
Kansas City, MO 64106

**Re: Vector Pipeline, L.P.
Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty
CPF 3-2022-042-NOPV**

Dear Mr. Ochs:

Vector Pipeline, L.P.¹, (Vector) is in receipt of the above referenced Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (NOPV) issued to Vector on April 12, 2022, by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA). The NOPV follows an investigation of a September 16, 2020, reportable incident at Vector's Athens Compressor Station in Calhoun County, Michigan performed by the Michigan Public Service Commission acting as an interstate agent for PHMSA. The NOPV alleges a single violation of 49 C.F.R. § 192.603 and includes a proposed civil penalty of \$218,647.

With this letter, the Company accepts the NOPV and the associated proposed civil penalty without admission. On September 16, 2020, Vector was in the process of returning the Athens Compressor Station back to service after performing routine maintenance. During this return to service, station personnel inadvertently left the valve body bleeds open, resulting in the release of natural gas that ignited which activated the emergency shutdown device (ESD) and isolated the Compressor Station. Vector investigated the event and has incorporated certain lessons learned, including revising its lock out tag out (LOTO) isolation plan to include the body bleed valves and performing additional training to prevent recurrence. As a result of its investigation, Vector is working on additional improvements to ensure consistent application.

Vector shares PHMSA and the Michigan Public Service Commission's commitment to pipeline safety, and appreciates your cooperation in response to this event. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

¹ Vector Pipeline, L.P. is a joint venture, owned in part by IPL Vector (U.S.A.) Inc., an Enbridge Company and Enbridge (US) Inc. Enbridge operates Vector Pipeline, L.P.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Wilson", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Teresa Wilson
Vice President, Gas Transmission & Midstream
Operations U.S., Enbridge Inc.

cc:

Cynthia Hansen, Executive Vice President and President, Gas Transmission & Midstream, Enbridge Inc.

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