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RE: Warning Letter CPF 1-2011-1003W

Dear Mr. Coy:

NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage (NGT&S) respectfully submits this letter in response to the Warning Letter CPF 1-2011-1003W, which was dated March 22, 2011, and received by NGT&S on March 23, 2011. The Warning Letter was issued as a result of inspections that had occurred in the fall of 2009.

Details for addressing the individual items noted in the Warning Letter are outlined below. The language from the Warning Letter is in bold, followed by a brief description of the response NGT&S took as a follow-up to the inspection for resolving the respective items.

Item 1: §192.707 Line markers for mains and transmission lines.

(c) Pipelines aboveground. Line markers must be placed and maintained along each section of a main and transmission line that is located above ground in an area accessible to the public.

NGT&S Response:

Upon completion of the inspection, NGT&S immediately proceeded to install line markers at the Westover Station. In addition, line markers and placards were installed at the Corning Compressor Station. NGT&S continues to patrol these facilities on a routine basis and installs line markers and placards as required to reduce the possibility of damage or interference to the pipeline and associated facilities.

Item 2: §192.751 Prevention of accidental ignition.

Each operator shall take steps to minimize the danger of accidental ignition of gas in any structure or area where the presence of gas constitutes a hazard of fire or explosion, including the following:

(c) Post warning signs, where appropriate.

NGT&S Response:

Upon completion of the inspection, NGT&S immediately proceeded to install warning signs at the Westover Station. NGT&S continues to patrol these facilities on a routine basis and installs warning signs as required to increase awareness concerning the prevention of accidental ignition at all gas bearing facilities. Photographs showing signs and line markers installed at the Westover Station are included in Attachment A.

If you have any questions regarding the actions NGT&S took to address the items identified in the Warning Letter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Attachment A

**Photographs of Westover Station Showing
Installed Signs and Line Markers**



