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Mr. Byron Coy, Jr.
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Mountain View Office Park
820 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 103
West Trenton, NJ 08628

RE: CPF 1-2012-1006W

Dear Mr. Coy,

This letter is the formal response by Dominion Transmission, Inc. (DTI) to the Warning Letter dated April 4, 2012, stating:

“As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The item inspected and the probable violation is:

1. § 192.709 Transmission lines: Record keeping.

(c) A record of each patrol, survey, inspection, and test required by subparts L and M of this part must be retained for at least 5 years or until the next patrol, survey, inspection, or test is completed, whichever is longer.

DTI failed to maintain patrol records for transmission lines Pipelines 31 and 473 which cross State Route 79 in the Town of Ithaca in NY as required by §192.709(c). The records must be retained for at least 5 years or until the next patrol, survey, inspection, or test is completed, whichever is longer.

The NYSDPS representatives reviewed the 2011 inspection records during the DTI inspection for the State Route 79 crossing and each road north and south of State Route 79. There are three pipelines (Pipeline 1, Pipeline 31 and Pipeline 473) which cross State Route 79 in the Town of Ithaca in NY.

There is no record that Pipelines 31 and 473 which cross State Route 79 in the Town of Ithaca in NY, were patrolled.

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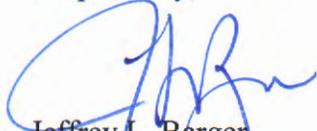
The operator only has a patrol record for one line (Pipeline 1) at Route 79. Pipelines 1 and 31 cross together in the same right of way and Pipeline 473 crosses approximately one half mile to the west of the other two lines.”

DTI Response:

In order to improve documentation of these inspections, DTI has configured its inspection records such that each individual pipeline crossing is documented separately. Upon discovery of this issue, each crossing was once again inspected, and documented in DTI's Inspection Monitoring System (IMS).

If you have any questions, or should require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Shawn Miller at (304) 627-3404.

Respectfully,



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