



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration**

233 Peachtree Street Ste. 600
Atlanta, GA 30303

**NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION
PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY
and
PROPOSED COMPLIANCE ORDER**

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

February 18, 2014

Mr. Jeffrey Householder
President
Florida Public Utilities
1015 6th St. NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881

CPF 2-2014-0001

Dear Mr. Householder:

On August 26-30, 2013, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) Southern Region inspected the Florida Public Utilities (FPU) liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) pipeline systems in Brevard, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, Florida, and its records and procedures in West Palm Beach, Florida, pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that FPU has committed probable violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The items inspected and the probable violations are as follows:

1. § 192.11 Petroleum gas systems.

... (b) Each pipeline system subject to this part that transports only petroleum gas or petroleum gas/air mixtures must meet the requirements of this part and of ANSI/NFPA 58 and 59.

- FPU did not meet the requirements for "Regulator Installation" in NFPA 58, Section 6.7.4.5, which states that "*The point of discharge from the required pressure relief device on regulating equipment installed outside of buildings in fixed piping systems shall be located not less than 3 ft (1 m) horizontally away from any building opening below the level of such discharge, and not beneath any building unless this space is well ventilated to the outside and is not enclosed for more than 50 percent of its perimeter.*"