December 2, 2019

Mr. Steven J. Kean  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kinder Morgan, Inc.  
1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000  
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CPF No. 2-2019-5004

Dear Mr. Kean:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violation and specifies actions that need to be taken by Plantation Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc., to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. When the terms of the compliance order are completed, as determined by the Director, Southern Region, this enforcement action will be closed. Service of the Final Order by certified mail is effective upon the date of mailing as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry  
Associate Administrator  
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Mr. James A. Urisko, P.E., Director, Southern Region, OPS, PHMSA  
Mr. Wayne G. Simmons, Chief Operating Officer, Products Pipelines, Kinder Morgan, Inc., 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002  
Mr. Edward A. “Buzz” Fant, Director, Compliance Codes and Standards, Kinder Morgan, Inc., 1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77002

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
In the Matter of

Plantation Pipe Line Company, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc.,

Respondent.

CPF No. 2-2019-5004

FINAL ORDER

On April 11, 2019, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Southern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Plantation Pipe Line Company (Respondent). The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated the pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 195 and proposed certain measures to correct the violations. Respondent did not contest the allegations of violation or corrective measures.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to § 190.213, I find Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulations listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice:

49 C.F.R. § 195.505(b) (Item 1) — Respondent failed to have and follow a written qualification program that included provisions to ensure through evaluation that individuals performing covered tasks were qualified.

49 C.F.R. § 195.505(c) (Item 2) — Respondent failed to have and follow a written qualification program that included provisions to allow individuals that are not qualified pursuant to this subpart to perform a covered task if directed and observed by an individual that is qualified.

These findings of violation will be considered prior offenses in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118(b) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.217, Respondent is ordered to take the actions proposed in the enclosed Notice to correct the violations. The Director may grant an extension of time to comply with any of the required items upon a written request timely submitted by the Respondent and demonstrating good cause for an extension. Upon completion of ordered actions, Respondent may request that the Director close the case. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties under 49 C.F.R. § 190.223 or in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate relief in a district court of the United States.
The terms and conditions of this order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

December 2, 2019
Date Issued