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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 14, 2010

Mr. Jay Skabo, Vice President, Operations
Montana Dakota Utilities Company/
Great Plains Natural Gas Company
400 North Fourth Street
Bismarck, North Dakota 58501-4092

Re: CPF 3-2009-1007M

Dear Mr. Skabo:

On June 18-22, 2007, representatives from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) and the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety, pursuant to chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of the Great Plains Natural Gas Company (GPNG) integrity management procedures in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. As a result of the inspection, GPNG was issued a Notice of Amendment on April 22, 2009, which proposed amendment of your procedures.

GPNG submitted its proposed revisions on May 28, 2009, and its amended procedures on March 19, 2010. One additional amended procedure was re-submitted on July 12, 2010. My staff reviewed the amended procedures, and it appears that the inadequacies outlined in this Notice of Amendment have been corrected.

This letter is to inform you no further action is necessary and this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Barrett
Director, Central Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration