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Re: November 27, 2012 Notice of Amendment CPF #3-2012-5025M
November 27, 2012 Warning Letter CPF #3-2012-5024W

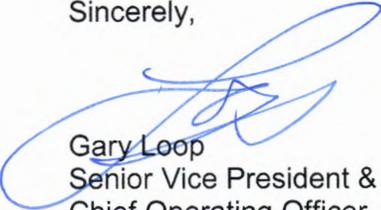
Dear Mr. Barrett,

I write in response to the above-referenced correspondence from the Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (**PHMSA**) regarding compliance items associated with our carbon dioxide pipeline and the integrity management requirements set forth in 49 CFR 195. It is our understanding that the items listed in the correspondence are based upon observations made by PHMSA during PHMSA's October 2011 inspection.

Dakota Gasification Company takes no exception to PHMSA's observations. We are continuing our undertaking to comprehensively update our Integrity Management Program (**IMP**), and we will now dedicate additional resources to this effort. In regards to PHMSA's request for us to submit select information within 60 days of receipt of the Notice of Amendment, our current time table calls for the aforementioned update of our IMP to be complete by the end of Q1 2013. With this in mind, we respectfully request an extension to the deadline to submit the requested information to April 1, 2013.

DGC appreciates PHMSA bringing these items to our attention. I can personally assure you that it is our intent to be fully responsive to PHMSA's request so as to achieve and maintain full compliance with 49 CFR 195.

Sincerely,



Gary Loop
Senior Vice President &
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