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Mr. David Barrett
Director, Central Region
Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U. S. Department of Transportation
901 Locust Street, Suite 462
Kansas City, MO 64106

RE: CPF 3-2013-5002 Buckeye Partners, L.P. – West Shore Pipeline Inspection
Notice of Proposed Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Buckeye Partners, L.P. (Buckeye) as operators of the West Shore Pipe Line Company system has reviewed the referenced Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (NOPV) received on January 15, 2013 from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) relating to the April-May, 2011 inspection of the West Shore Pipe Line system.

Buckeye does not contest the proposed violations contained in the NOPV and will be sending payment of the proposed penalty by wire transfer in accordance with the requirements of this NOPV. Regarding the proposed violation concerning testing documentation for discharge pressure switches and transmitters, Buckeye believes that all such devices reviewed by PHMSA were functioning properly and in good condition at the times of the tests. Buckeye is making changes to its work management system that when implemented will revise the way that it has documented these inspections so as to better meet the requirements of Part 195 and Section §195.428.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to contact myself at (610) 904-4922 or John Reinbold, Manager, Compliance at 610-904-4185.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas S. Collier".

Thomas S. (Scott) Collier
Vice President, Performance Assurance & Asset Integrity
Buckeye Partners, L.P.

cc: C.A. Ostach
W.R. Serra
J.B. Reinbold