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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 31, 2011

Mr. Richard Keyser
Vice President, Engineering
NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage
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Houston, TX 77056

CPF 4-2007-1017H

Dear Mr. Keyser:

On December 14, 2007, Columbia Gulf Transmission (Columbia Gulf) experienced a failure of its 30-inch natural gas pipeline near Delhi, LA. As a result of the incident the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) issued a Corrective Action Order (CAO), 4-2007-1017H, dated December 19, 2007, requiring Columbia Gulf to take corrective actions with respect to its natural gas pipeline system.

The cause of the failure was determined to be external corrosion and Columbia Gulf presented a plan of corrective measures designed to prevent additional in-service failures. Through field and records inspections over the past three years, PHMSA has determined that Columbia Gulf has substantially completed the requirements of the CAO. Consequently, PHMSA has closed the CAO, CPF 4-2007-1017H.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. M. Seeley".

R. M. Seeley
Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration