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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Request for Hearing
In the Matter of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company
CPF No. 4-2012-5019H

Dear Jeff:

On behalf of ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (named in the CAO as "ExxonMobil Pipeline Company, LP" and hereinafter referred to as EMPCo or the Company), we respectfully request a hearing on the above referenced Corrective Action Order (CAO). The CAO was issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA or the Agency) to EMPCo on May 9, 2012. Attached to this letter is a Request for Hearing and a Statement of Issues (which incorporates by reference a Written Response to the CAO).

EMPCo appreciates the Agency's cooperation in addressing issues associated with the Company's April 28, 2012 incident near Torbert, Louisiana. Without admitting to the factual basis for the CAO or PHMSA's determination of necessity for its issuance, the Company does not contest the issuance of the Order but would like the opportunity to discuss certain elements of the Order as issued. Thus, this filing is made to preserve the Company's rights in the event that all issues cannot be resolved amicably. We are optimistic that the issues can be resolved in a cooperative manner, however, and for that reason, we ask that any Hearing for this matter be scheduled after the completion of mechanical and metallurgical evaluations that are currently underway, so that the

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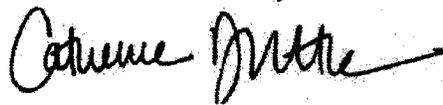
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parties can use the Hearing to review those findings and continue their dialogue on the appropriate measures for a Return to Service Plan.

EMPCo voluntarily shut the North Line down in a responsible manner immediately upon discovery of operational issues during start up and prior to the issuance of this CAO. As you may also be aware, per our established practices, immediately following the incident and in coordination with the Agency, the Company began an investigation with regard to the incident. This effort was initiated prior to issuance of the CAO, and the Company has already conducted interviews with employees and begun its document review. The CAO as issued requests that the Company coordinate those activities with the Agency, but in the interests of efficiency and causal analysis, the Company has already begun those efforts. In addition, we believe that operators have a legitimate claim to attorney-client privilege in the conduct of their own internal investigations. The Agency is, of course, free to conduct its own interviews and document reviews, and it is the Company's intent to fully cooperate with those efforts.

If you have any questions about this Request for Hearing, or about this matter generally, please do not hesitate to contact either me (404-888-4047) or Bob Hogfoss (404-888-4042).

Sincerely,



Catherine D. Little

Enclosures

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