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RE: CPF 4-2013-1010 &
CPF 4-2013-1012M

Dear Mr. Seeley,

This letter is written in response to CPF 4-2013-1010 (NOPV, PCP and PCO) and CPF 4-2013-1012M (NOA), both dated June 17, 2013 both received by CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission (CEGT)/Mississippi River Transmission (MRT) on June 20, 2013.

CEGT/MRT will be contesting one or more of the items in Notice CPF 4-2013-1010 (NOPV, PCP, PCO) and associated Civil Penalties but will not be requesting an oral hearing. We are going to submit written explanations, information and other material in answer to the allegations in the Notice. Thus CEGT/MRT respectfully requests a 60 day extension for submitting our response to this Notice. This request is to allow us additional time to finish the necessary study and analysis of our current programs, procedures and processes to develop the improvements and correction plans that we are not contesting as directed by the Notice CPF 4-2013-1010 (NOPV, PCP, PCO). In addition, it allows us time to gather our written explanations, information and other material in answer to the allegations in the parts of the Notice we are contesting. If approved, CEGT/MRT will submit the corrections to our plans and procedure we are not contesting and materials for the parts of the Notice we are contesting on or before September 18, 2013

CEGT/MRT also will not be contesting Notice CPF 4-2013-1012M (NOA), but request an extension of time to respond. This request is to allow us additional time to finish making corrections to our procedures and processing them through our Manage of Change process. If approved, CEGT/MRT will submit the corrections to our plans and procedure on or before August 19, 2013.

CEGT/MRT respectfully submits this request for your approval. CEGT/MRT believes in a safety culture in order to achieve acceptable safety performance, and is committed to the continuous improvement and effectiveness of our pipeline safety programs. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

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