



**PANTHER INTERSTATE PIPELINE ENERGY, LLC**

**ELECTRONIC MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

May 15, 2020

Mary L. McDaniel, P.E.  
Director, Southwest Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
8701 South Gessner, Suite 630  
Houston, Texas 77074

**Re: Request for Acceptance of Abandonment for Compliance Order (CPF 4-2020-2001)**

Dear Ms. McDaniel:

This letter and associated attachments are in response to the subject Proposed Compliance Order dated April 23, 2020.

Panther initiated the abandonment process for the pipeline(s) on the Outer Continental Shelf with the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) for this pipeline system in 2017. In July 2018, Panther completed the flushing process such that all its pipelines offshore are now pigged and filled with sea water and sealed. The final permit to abandon the pipelines was issued by BSEE on February 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the USACE on May 7, 2020. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued approval to abandon the pipelines on May 14, 2020. All the above-mentioned approval permits are attached.

Now that the final permits have been approved all pipelines on the Outer Continental Shelf will be abandoned. As part of the abandonment process, approximately 20 feet of pipe will be removed at the Federal/State boundary and both ends sealed.

Panther requests this abandonment be excepted as compliance with Item #2 and Item #3 of the Compliance Order.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Shipper  
Manager