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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Rebecca B. Roberts
President
Chevron Pipe Line Company
4800 Fournace Place
Bellaire, TX 77401

Re: CPF No. 5-2007-5026

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and assesses a civil penalty of \$14,000. I acknowledge receipt of your wire transfer of \$14,000 on June 27, 2007, and accept it as payment in full of the civil penalty. This case is now closed. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Chris Hoidal, Director, Western Region, PHMSA

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PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

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In the Matter of)	
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Chevron Pipe Line Company,)	CPF No. 5-2007-5026
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Respondent.)	
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FINAL ORDER

From June 5 to June 9, 2006, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), performed an onsite inspection of the facilities and records of the Chevron Pipe Line Company (Chevron or Respondent). That inspection covered Chevron's operations in the Boise, Idaho, administrative area (BIAA), a region from Murtaugh, Idaho, to North Powder, Oregon, which included three hazardous liquid pipelines and related facilities. As a result of that inspection, the Director, Western Region, OPS (Director), issued to Respondent, by letter dated May 25, 2007, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice alleged that Chevron had violated Part 195 of the pipeline safety regulations and proposed a civil penalty of \$14,000 for that violation.

After submitting a wire transfer in the amount of the proposed civil penalty (\$14,000), Chevron responded to the Notice by letter dated July 27, 2007 (Response). In that Response, Chevron described the steps that it had taken to address the allegations of violation and expressed regret over the need for an enforcement action.

FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

Item 1 of the Notice alleged that Chevron had violated 49 C.F.R. 195.420 (b), which states, in relevant part:

§ 195.420 Valve Maintenance.

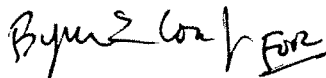
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- (b) Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 7½ months, but at least twice each calendar year, inspect each mainline valve to determine that it is functioning properly.

The Notice alleged that Chevron allowed more than 7 ½ months to elapse between its 2003 and 2004 inspections of 16 different mainline valves in the BIAA pipeline system. That allegation remains undisputed, and the evidence of record shows that Chevron's inspections of those mainline valves occurred anywhere from 10 to 48 days late. Accordingly, I find that Chevron violated 49 C.F.R. § 195.420(b) by not inspecting all of the mainline valves on the BIAA pipeline system within the requisite 7 ½- month period.

ASSESSMENT OF PENALTY

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent. Having reviewed the record and considered the assessment criteria in 49 U.S.C. § 60122, I assess Respondent a civil penalty of \$14,000, which amount has already been paid by Respondent.

The terms and conditions of this Final Order shall be effective upon receipt.



Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

06-18-09

Date Issued