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**NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION
AND
PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY**

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 25, 2007

Mr. M. G. Bowin
Manager of E. & T. S.
Chevron Pipe Line Co.
4800 Fournace Place
Bellaire, TX 77401

CPF 5-2007-5026

Dear Mr. Bowin:

On June 5-9, 2006, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected your Boise Area pipeline system from the Murtaugh, Idaho to Baker, Oregon.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that Chevron Pipe Line Co. committed probable violations, as noted below, of the pipeline safety regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 195. The item inspected and the probable violation is:

1) §195.420 Valve maintenance.

(a) Each operator shall maintain each valve that is necessary for the safe operation of its pipeline systems in good working order at all times.

(b) Each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 7 1/2 months, but at least twice each calendar year, inspect each mainline valve to determine that it is functioning properly.

At the time of the inspection, the operator records indicated that sixteen mainline block valve inspections between late 2003 early 2004 exceeded the 7 ½ months maximum allowed time interval between inspections.

The 2003 and 2004 record for the sixteen late valve inspections follow:

| Valve Location | 2 nd 2003 Inspection Date | 1 st 2004 Inspection Date | Days Late |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| Murtaugh Sta. ML Block Line 1 | 10-3-03 | 6-14-04 | 28 |
| Murtaugh Sta. ML Block Line 2 | 10-3-03 | 6-14-04 | 28 |
| Twin Falls Sta. ML Block Line 1 | 10-1-03 | 6-14-04 | 30 |
| Twin Falls Sta. ML Block Line 2 | 10-1-03 | 6-14-04 | 30 |
| Salmon Falls ML Block Line 1 | 10-1-03 | 6-18-04 | 34 |
| Salmon Falls ML Block Line 2 | 10-1-03 | 6-18-04 | 34 |
| IANG Sta. ML Block Line 1 | 9-24-03 | 6-2-04 | 25 |
| IANG Sta. ML Block Line 2 | 9-24-03 | 6-2-04 | 25 |
| Eagle ML Block Line 3 | 11-14-03 | 7-20-04 | 22 |
| Fruitland ML Block Line 3 | 10-24-03 | 7-20-04 | 43 |
| Huntington Sta. ML Block Line 3 | 9-16-03 | 6-17-04 | 48 |
| Dixie ML Block Line 3 | 9-16-03 | 6-17-04 | 48 |
| Oxman ML Block Line 3 | 10-24-03 | 6-17-04 | 10 |
| Glenn's Ferry (North) Line 2 | 11-14-03 | 7-21-04 | 23 |
| Ontario-Snake River (South) Line 3 | 11-14-03 | 7-20-04 | 22 |
| Ontario-Snake River (North) Line 3 | 11-14-03 | 7-20-04 | 22 |

Proposed Civil Penalty

Under 49 United States Code, Section 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100,000 for each violation for each day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations. The Compliance Officer has reviewed the circumstances and supporting documentation involved in the above probable violation(s) and has recommended that you be preliminarily assessed a civil penalty of \$14,000 as follows:


| <u>Item number</u> | <u>PENALTY</u> |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1 | \$14,000 |

Response to this Notice

Enclosed as part of this Notice is a document entitled *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*. Please refer to this document and note the response options. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b). If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, this constitutes a waiver of your right to contest the allegations in this Notice and authorizes the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to find facts as alleged in this Notice without further notice to you and to issue a Final Order.

In your correspondence on this matter, please refer to **CPF 5-2007-5026** and for each document you submit, please provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible.

Sincerely,


Chris Hoidal
Director, Western Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Enclosure: *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Compliance Proceedings*

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry
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