Administrative Resolution Request Form

PCA Code: DVR

PCA Contact Name: MARGARITA RAQUEPO

Contact Fax Number: 925-960-2397

Treasury Debt ID: 31183674

Agency Debt ID: 5-2017-7004

Debtor Name: PACIFIC OPERATORS C

AR Type: Entity Out of Business

April 2018
Mr. Robert Carone  
Managing Member  
Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC  
1145 Eugenia Place, Suite 200  
Carpinteria, CA 93013

Re: CPF No. 5-2017-7004

Dear Mr. Carone:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It withdraws one of the allegations of violation, makes other findings of violation, assesses a civil penalty of $15,500, and specifies actions that need to be taken by Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC, to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. The penalty payment terms are set forth in the Final Order. When the civil penalty has been paid and the terms of the compliance order completed, as determined by the Director, Western Region, this enforcement action will be closed. Service of the Final Order by certified mail is effective upon the date of mailing, as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry  
Associate Administrator  
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Director, Western Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA  
Mr. Bruce E. Johnston, Vice President, Operations Superintendent, Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC  
Mr. Clement Alberts, Environmental Coordinator, Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
FINAL ORDER

From February 14 through April 14, 2017, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of the facilities and records of Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC (PACOPS or Respondent), in La Conchita, California. PACOPS operates two drilling platforms on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), an onshore oil and gas processing facility in Ventura County, California, and 6.44 miles of pipelines connecting the platforms with the processing facility.¹

As a result of the inspection, the Director, Western Region, OPS (Director), issued to Respondent, by letter dated December 19, 2017, a Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty, and Proposed Compliance Order (Notice), which also included a warning pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.205. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice proposed finding that PACOPS had violated 49 C.F.R. §§ 195.9, 195.440(a), and 195.452(b)(5) and proposed assessing a civil penalty of $15,500 for the alleged violations. The Notice also proposed ordering Respondent to take certain measures to correct the alleged violations. The warning item required no further action, but warned the operator to correct the probable violation or face possible future enforcement action.

After requesting and receiving an extension of time to respond, PACOPS responded to the Notice by letter dated April 20, 2018 (Response). The company contested the allegations, offered additional information in response to the Notice, and requested that the proposed civil penalty be eliminated. Respondent did not request a hearing and therefore has waived its right to one.

¹ Pacific Operators Offshore, LLC, 2018 Annual Report for Calendar Year 2017, Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems, Form PHMSA F 7000-1.1 (on file with PHMSA).