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WITHDRAWAL of NOTICE LETTER

OVERNIGHT EXPRESS DELIVERY

April 8, 2019

Brian Sheppard
Vice President, Eastern Pipeline Operations
Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc.
925 White Oaks Boulevard
Bridgeport, WV 26330

CPF 1-2015-1012

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

On June 5, 2015, Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc. (DETI) was issued a Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty, and Proposed Compliance Order letter for the case number referenced above. This Notice cited DETI for 7 alleged violations of various portions of the pipeline safety regulations found in 49 CFR Part 192.

This Notice alleged that DETI was in violation of § 192.605(a) for failing to follow its O&M and failing to secure three separate relief valves in the open position as it relates to § 192.199(h); in violation of § 192.605(a) for failing to follow its O&M and failing to verify the proper position of an isolation valve under a relief device; in violation of § 192.605(a) for failing to follow its O&M and failing to protect an emergency valve from unauthorized operation or damage; in violation of § 192.709(c) for failing to maintain transmission line records of each patrol, survey, inspection, and test required by subparts L and M by failing to maintain MAOP records for 88 regulator stations; in violation of § 192.731(a) for failing to inspect and test each pressure relieving device in a compressor station in accordance with § 192.739(a); in violation of § 192.743(a) for failing to ensure that the relief capacity of two relief devices was sufficient; and in violation of § 192.751 by failing to take steps to minimize the danger of accidental ignition of gas in any structure or area where the presence of gas constitutes a hazard of fire or explosion.

DETI responded to this Notice by letter, dated August 31, 2015. DETI provided information to show it had taken action to address 6 of the 7 alleged violations and meet the terms of the original

Proposed Compliance Order for those items. In addition, DETI proposed a Consent Agreement to address the remaining item. Upon further review, we have decided to withdraw the Notice.

This letter is to inform you that PHMSA hereby withdraws the Notice and that the case is now closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Burrough", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert Burrough
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration