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Sent via Electronic Mail

September 23, 2024

Mr. Robert Burrough
Director, Eastern Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
840 Bear Tavern Road, Suite 300 West
Trenton, New Jersey 08628

Re: CPF 1-2024-055-CAO Request for Hearing and Meeting

Director Burrough:

Buckeye Partners, LP (Buckeye or the Company) appreciates the coordination of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) in responding to a September 5, 2024 failure that occurred near Linden, New Jersey on Buckeye's Line 602. The failure occurred on a 12-inch aboveground portion of Line 602 and resulted in a small release of unleaded gasoline. PHMSA issued the above-referenced Corrective Action Order (CAO) on September 13, 2024, which contains certain factual inaccuracies and corrective measures that warrant clarification based on the specific characteristics of the pipeline associated with the failure.

To provide the opportunity for further discussion and exchange of information between the parties regarding the facts, applicable requirements, and appropriate timeframes under the CAO, Buckeye timely requests a hearing pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.233. Buckeye believes that the issues for clarification are capable of resolution through a meeting with the Eastern Region, and is requesting a hearing to preserve its rights and allow time for the parties to continue discussions regarding the CAO. As such, Buckeye respectfully requests that scheduling of a hearing be postponed to allow for a meeting with the PHMSA Eastern Region.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Osika

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