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September 7, 2022

Mr. Brad Barron
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RE: CPF 3-2021-005-NOPV

Dear Mr. Barron:

On December 1, 2021, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Final Order which included a Compliance Order to NuStar Pipeline Operating Partnership, L.P. (NuStar). By letter dated March 9, 2022, from Mr. Gary Koegeboehn, Vice President, NuStar requested closure of the Compliance Order.

The Compliance Order required that NuStar must properly inspect the below listed vaulted mainline valves for atmospheric corrosion by entering the vaults with confined space permits per NuStar Operating and Maintenance Procedures and clean and inspect the valve and pipe for atmospheric corrosion with completion and documentation submitted to the Director within 120 days of the receipt of the Final Order.

- a. Geneva Unit locations - Shickley Jct/Columbus Segment: MP# 80.97 (North Platte River Valve), MP# 79.10 (North Bellwood Lakes Valve), MP# 58.35 (Gresham Valve), MP# 49.61 (Thayer Valve), MP# 37.46 (York Valve) and MP# 14.16 (Hwy 41 Valve);
- b. Moorhead-Roseville Unit locations: MP 639.6 (Rothsay Valve), MP 539.3 (New Munich Valve), MP 502.4 (Clearwater Valve), MP 487.3 (Monticello Valve), MP 453.1 (Lyndale Valve) and MP 451.9 (BN Valve).

NuStar has completed the atmospheric corrosion inspections on the twelve (12) vaulted valve locations per section 4.0 Corrosion Control Manual and §195.583(a). Each of the twelve valve vaults were drained of accumulated ground water (if present), safely entered per the requirements of NuStar O&M Manual Procedure 315, cleaned as required and then inspected for atmospheric corrosion. Details of each inspection were shown on submitted atmospheric corrosion inspection forms for each location.

Based on our review of documentation you provided on March 9, 2022, and your Payment of Penalty on December 7, 2021, it has been determined that NuStar has complied with the terms of this Order.

Accordingly, this case is now closed with respect to the matters involved. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Ochs
Director, Central Region, OPS
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration