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McMillian Hummel
Chief Executive Officer
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RE: CPF 3-2021-5004M

Dear Mr. Hummel:

From January 29, 2018, through September 21, 2018, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, inspected NST Express LLC's (NST) programs, procedures, plans, and records for the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual, Operator Qualification (OQ) program, Control Room Management (CRM) Manual and the Integrity Management Plan (IMP) in The Woodlands, Texas.

Regarding the Control Room Management plan revisions, although the procedures had been worked through with NST and ROC in extensive detail, the CRM procedures relevant to the assets were changed and the third party control room was purchased by Everline Tech Ops, LLC (Everline). In addition, portions (to all) of the NST relevant assets were purchased by Bayou Midstream (Bayou) in 2022. As a result, we are closing the case with the information submitted and are reviewing the procedures again with Everline in calendar year 2022 during inspection.

PHMSA is aware that Bayou is in the process of engaging a different third-party control room operator with different procedures than those used by Everline, and that this change will be transpiring in later part of calendar year 2022 or early calendar year 2023.

As a result, PHMSA will be working through the CRM procedures for both Everline and Bayou as a result of the 2022 inspection, and will review the 2023 relevant CRM procedures through inspection efforts.

This letter is to inform you that no further action is necessary, and this case is now closed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Director, Central Region, OPS
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

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