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of Transportation
**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

April 21, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: tampapc@outlook.com

Robert Rose
President
St. Louis Pipeline Operating, LLC
4120 Higel Street
Sarasota, FL 34242

Re: CPF No. 3-2024-001-NOPV

Dear Mr. Rose:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and specifies actions that need to be taken to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. When the terms of the compliance order are completed, as determined by the Director, Central Region, this enforcement action will be closed. Service of the Final Order by e-mail is effective upon the date of transmission and acknowledgement of receipt as provided under 49 CFR § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Alan K. Mayberry
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Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Gregory Ochs, Director, Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
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CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

In the Matter of

St. Louis Pipeline Operating, LLC,

Respondent.

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CPF No. 3-2024-001-NOPV

FINAL ORDER

On December 19, 2024, pursuant to 49 CFR § 190.207, the Director, Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to St. Louis Pipeline Operating, LLC (Respondent). The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated the pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR Part 195. The Notice also proposed certain measures to correct the violations. Respondent did not contest the allegation of violation or corrective measure.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to § 190.213, I find Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulations listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice, which is incorporated by reference:

49 CFR § 195.420(a) (**Item 1**) — Respondent failed to maintain pipeline valves necessary for the safe operation of its pipeline system in good working condition.

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

Compliance Actions

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118(b) and 49 CFR § 190.217, Respondent is ordered to take the actions proposed in the enclosed Notice to correct the violation. The Director may grant an extension of time to comply with any of the required items upon a written request timely submitted by the Respondent and demonstrating good cause for an extension. Upon completion of the ordered actions, Respondent may request that the Director close the case. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties under 49 CFR § 190.223 or in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate relief in a district court of the United States.

The terms and conditions of this order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 CFR § 190.5.

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April 21, 2025

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued



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**NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION
and
PROPOSED COMPLIANCE ORDER**

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: tampapc@outlook.com; stlouispipelinegm@outlook.com;
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December 19, 2024

Robert Rose
President
St Louis Pipeline Operating, LLC
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Sarasota, FL 34242

CPF 3-2024-001-NOPV

Dear Mr. Rose:

From May 20, 2024 through October 18, 2024, representatives of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code (U.S.C.) performed an on-site inspection of St Louis Pipeline Operating, LLC's (SLPCO) refined petroleum pipeline system, in Madison County, Illinois and St Louis County, Missouri.

As a result of the inspection, it is alleged that SLPCO has committed a probable violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The item inspected and the probable violation is:

1. § 195.420 Valve maintenance.

(a) Each operator shall maintain each valve that is necessary for the safe operation of its pipeline systems in good working order at all times.

SLPCO failed to maintain pipeline valves necessary for the safe operation of its pipeline system in good working condition, as required by § 195.420(a). During PHMSA's inspection, PHMSA reviewed SLPCO's valve mainline inspection Form 08 reports for calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023. The valve inspections included Valve 6, where records from 2022 indicated "valve #6 is hard to turn, had to get started with pipe wrench." Per SLPCO's records, Valve 6 still had this issue in 2023. SLPCO did not have any documentation to demonstrate that Valve 6 was subsequently repaired to ensure it was in good working order at all times. During the PHMSA

inspection of SLPCO's headquarters in May 2024, SLPCO staff informed PHMSA that Valve 6 had yet to be repaired. Thus, SLPCO failed to maintain Valve 6 in good working condition, as required by § 195.420(a).

Proposed Compliance Order

With respect to Item 1, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration proposes to issue a Compliance Order to St Louis Pipeline Operating LLC. Please refer to the *Proposed Compliance Order*, which is enclosed and made a part of this Notice.

Response to this Notice

Enclosed as part of this Notice is a document entitled *Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Enforcement Proceedings*. Please refer to this document and note the response options. All material you submit in response to this enforcement action may be made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b).

Following your receipt of this Notice, you have 30 days to respond as described in the enclosed *Response Options*. If you do not respond within 30 days of receipt of this Notice, this constitutes a waiver of your right to contest the allegations in this Notice and authorizes the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety to find facts as alleged in this Notice without further notice to you and to issue a Final Order. If you are responding to this Notice, we propose that you submit your correspondence to my office within 30 days from receipt of this Notice. The Region Director may extend the period for responding upon a written request timely submitted demonstrating good cause for an extension.

In your correspondence on this matter, please refer to **CPF 3-2024-001-NOPV** and, for each document you submit, please provide a copy in electronic format whenever possible.

Sincerely,

Gregory Ochs
Director, Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

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Enclosures: *Proposed Compliance Order*
Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Enforcement Proceedings

PROPOSED COMPLIANCE ORDER

Pursuant to 49 United States Code § 60118, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) proposes to issue to SLPCO a Compliance Order incorporating the following remedial requirements to ensure the compliance of SLPCO with the pipeline safety regulations:

- A. In regard to Item 1 of the Notice, pertaining to SLPCO's failure to have each valve necessary for the safe operation of the pipeline system in good working condition at all times, SLPCO must submit to the Director, Central Region, a plan to remediate Valve 6 within **30** days of receipt of the Final Order, for the Director's review and approval. Furthermore, SLPCO must submit records to demonstrate the implementation and completion of the remedial work plan within **60** days of the Director's approval of the remedial work plan.
- B. It is requested (not mandated) that SLPCO maintain documentation of the safety improvement costs associated with fulfilling this Compliance Order and submit the total to Gregory A. Ochs, Director, Central, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. It is requested that these costs be reported in two categories: (1) total cost associated with preparation/revision of plans, procedures, studies and analyses, and (2) total cost associated with replacements, additions and other changes to pipeline infrastructure.