



August 7, 2009

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RE: Notice of Probable Violation (CPF 4-2009-1018)

This letter is in response to your most recent July 6, 2009 notice of probable violation and proposed compliance order. Please find the information and documentation enclosed representing the corrective actions taken to meet the proposed compliance order referenced above.

No. 1

Transmission Line Valves

The valve and operating device to open or close each valve along the pipeline is now protected from tampering and damage. Locks, barricades and/or fences have been added where needed.

Womble Tap Valve:	Pipe barricade installed.
Brewster Check Station:	Additional pipe barricade installed.
Perico Regulator Station:	Chain Link Fence around entire station - Locked
Carter Block Valve:	Pipe barricade installed
El Paso Check Station:	Chain Link Fence around entire station - Locked
Kitchens Block Valve	Cement valve box and lid - Locked

(Please see enclosed pictures for each station)

No. 2**Atmospheric corrosion control: General**

Corrective action has been taken to eliminate active corrosion at the pipe supports at several locations listed below: Pipe at support area has been cleaned recoated and insulation material added between pipe and support. See pictures enclosed that represent the corrections made.

Valley Farms mainline valve
Brewster meter station
Perico regulator station

No. 3**Vault Maintenance**

Locking device at the "Kitchens Valve Box" has been locked to prevent unauthorized access. (See picture enclosed)

No. 4**External corrosion control: Electrical Isolation.**

Cased road crossings at the listed sites below have been excavated, test leads/stations have been installed and readings have been recorded and records are now available for future review and monitoring. (See corresponding pictures enclosed)

Cased Road Crossings: PNM tap – picture #12
 Felt tap - picture #11
 Highway 56 crossing – picture # 5
 El Paso crossing – picture # 1

No. 5**Atmospheric Corrosion Control: Monitoring**

Atmospheric corrosion inspections have been completed on the entire pipeline. Records are now available for review. Deficiencies noted on the last atmospheric survey (see report enclosed) have been corrected. The stations inspected include:

Valley Farms meter station
Womble Tap
Mainline Valve assembly
Brewster Check Meter
Perico regulator station
Carter Block Valve
El Paso Check station
Kitchens block valve
Byrd block valve
Rehm block valve

No. 6

Transmission Lines: Patrolling

Patrolling of the pipeline - observing surface conditions, indication of leaks, construction activity and other factors affecting safety and operations on and along the transmission line right-of-way is routinely performed as required. We failed to complete the necessary reports to document this activity. This reporting has been completed and measures have been taken to assure documentation will be on file in the future. (See most recent patrol records enclosed)

Areas patrolled include:

PNM Tap

Felt tap

Highway 56 road crossing

No. 7

Completion of Corrections within 60 day of Final Order

All violations have been corrected and completed within the required 60 days.

No. 8

Documentation maintenance of Safety improvements

WTG has records and documentation of the improvements associated with fulfilling this Compliance Order. (The total cost for these associated cost are enclosed)

Please call if you have any questions. (806) 358-1321

Sincerely,



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