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March 26, 2013

Mr. Dwayne Burton
Vice President, Gas Pipeline Operations
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (KMI)
500 Dallas Street, Suite 1000
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Houston, TX 77002

CPF No. 4-2012-1011H

Dear Mr. Burton:

On June 6, 2012, Natural Gas Pipeline of America (KMI) experienced a failure of its Oklahoma Extension (OE #1) 26-inch diameter pipeline near Laketon, Texas. As a result of the incident, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued a Corrective Action Order (CAO), 4-2012-1011H, dated June 12, 2012, requiring KMI to take corrective actions with respect to its pipeline system.

The cause of the failure was determined to be hydrogen induced stress cracking within a hard spot on the pipeline and KMI presented a plan of identification and corrective measures designed to prevent additional in-service failures. PHMSA monitored the actions taken within the integrity verification process, and has determined that KMI has substantially completed the requirements of the CAO.

Consequently, PHMSA has closed the CAO, CPF 4-2012-1011H.

Sincerely,

R. M. Seeley
Director, Southwest Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration