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**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety
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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 17, 2016

Mr. Ryan Coffey
Executive Vice President, Operations
Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC
800 Sonterra Blvd., #400
San Antonio, TX 78258

CPF No. 4-2013-1019

Dear Mr. Coffey:

On February 13, 2012, at 2:26 am, FGT experienced a rupture of their LAMEB-8 30" pipeline in East Baton Rouge, LA. The cause of the failure was identified as external corrosion. On February 13 - 14, 2012, a representative of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), conducted an incident investigation into the rupture.

On December 14, 2015, PHMSA issued a Final Order to Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) in the above referenced case. The Final Order required the payment of \$197,200 in civil penalty and the completion of five Compliance Order Items.

The Compliance Order required FGT to conduct a documented review and analysis of their existing cathodic protection system and test stations, and based upon the review identify any additional actions that FGT can pursue to ensure future monitoring of their cathodic protection system is capable of determining the adequacy of the cathodic protection. FGT indicated in their letter of August 12, 2016, that all items associated with the Compliance Order have been completed.

PHMSA monitored the actions taken within the Compliance Order and reviewed records submitted by FGT. FGT has paid the associated penalty and completed all of the requirements of the CO. Consequently, no further action is necessary under this CPF and this case is now closed.

Sincerely,

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