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Chris Hoidal
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Re: PHMSA Representative "2015 Shoshone Pipeline inspection" of Black Hills Shoshone Pipeline, LLC dated December 28, 2015. **CPF 5-2015-0020W**

Dear Mr. Hoidal:

This correspondence is providing the Black Hills Shoshone Pipeline, LLC (BHSP) response to the October 12, 2015 "Shoshone Pipeline inspection".

For clarification: The legal name of the Pipeline is "Black Hills Shoshone Pipeline, LLC" not Shoshone River Pipeline.

The following item noted in the audit have been corrected:

Item referencing 191.22 National Registry of Pipeline and LNG Operators

Utility Disposition: On July 1st, 2015 Black Hills Corporation purchased the Wyoming assets of Energy West Development, Inc. A new entity was created, Black Hills Shoshone Pipeline, LLC. During the inspection, it was pointed out that Black Hills Shoshone Pipeline had not notified PHMSA of the name change or purchase of assets from the previous operator to the new operator. BHSP has since applied for and received a new OPID for the operation of the BHSP. BHSP believes all required notifications have been complete.

The following item also listed as a probable violation may require additional clarification.

Item referencing 192.225 Welding Procedures

Utility Disposition: The audit letter states that welding procedure test results for Black Hills Energy (BHE) were not made available to our employees. We believe this to be a misunderstanding due to the transition from Energy West Wyoming (EWW) to BHE. Welding personnel for EWW have historically tested on ASME standards. The EWW welding procedures and tests were available at the time of the audit.

BHE tests welding personnel on an API standard. At the time of the audit, the welding personnel had not completed the transition to BHE welding standards. Our welding personnel are near completion of the welding transition to BHE. It should also be noted that welding procedure tests were available both in our Cheyenne field office and the Papillion corporate offices at the time of the audit.

Our personnel operating the Shoshone Pipeline do have access to these welding procedure tests.

If you have further questions or concerns please contact me at 307-527-3961.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____

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