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November 18, 2024

The Honorable Josiah Patkotak  
Mayor of the North Slope Borough  
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**CPF 5-2023-039-NOPV  
Closure Letter**

Dear Mr. Patkotak:

On January 11, 2024, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued to North Slope Borough (NSB) a Final Order in the above-referenced case. This Order included a Compliance Order and requirements to take corrective actions on your pipeline. Based on our review of the documentation you provided, it has been determined that you have complied with the terms of this Order.

**Item 1:**

PHMSA has reviewed documentation received on February 20, 2024, regarding the Nuiqsut Natural Gas Pipeline Monitoring System, item 1 of the NOPV and item A of the Compliance Order. The documentation was satisfactory, therefore, item 1 of the Final Order is now considered closed.

**Item 2:**

PHMSA has reviewed documentation received on April 10, 2024, regarding the Nuiqsut Natural Gas Pipeline Operations & Maintenance manual and Pipeline Specific Operations & Maintenance manual, item 2 of the NOPV and item B of the Compliance Order. The documentation was satisfactory, therefore, item 2 of the Final Order is now considered closed.

**Item 3**

PHMSA has reviewed documentation received on July 24, 2024, regarding the periodic review of the effectiveness and adequacy of the Nuiqsut Natural Gas Pipeline Operations & Maintenance manual and Pipeline Specific Operations & Maintenance manual, item 3 of the

NOPV and item C of the Compliance Order. PHMSA also received documentation reviewed on November 12, 2024, demonstrating the inclusion of the lessons learned and other insights specifically noted in the violation report of the NOPV. The documentation was satisfactory, therefore, item 3 of the Final Order is now considered closed.

Item 4:

PHMSA has reviewed documentation received on April 10, 2024, regarding the Nuiqsut Natural Gas Pipeline Equipment for Emergency Response, item 4 of the NOPV and item D of the Compliance Order. The documentation was satisfactory, therefore, item 4 of the Final Order is now considered closed, no further action is required.

Item 5:

PHMSA has reviewed the documentation received on November 12, 2024, regarding the odorant testing, item 5 of the NOPV and item E of the Compliance Order. The documentation was satisfactory, therefore, item 5 of the Final Order is now considered closed, no further action is required.

Item 6:

This was a Warning item and Warning items are not adjudicated.

Item 7:

PHMSA has reviewed documentation received on July 24, 2024, regarding the OQ manual. NSB appears to have reviewed the OQ manual as stated in the compliance order. Therefore, item 7 of the Final Order is now considered closed, no further action is required.

Item 8:

PHMSA has reviewed documentation received on July 24, 2024, regarding the DIMP manual. NSB appears to have reviewed the DIMP manual as stated in the compliance order. Therefore, item 8 of the Final Order is now considered closed, no further action is required.

Accordingly, this case is now closed and no further action is contemplated with respect to the matters involved in this case. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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