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Mr. George M. Rootes
President
Equilon Pipeline Company, LLC
Two Shell Plaza
777 Walker Street
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CPF No. 4-2002-5004

Dear Mr. Rootes:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and assesses a civil penalty for that violation. I acknowledge your wire transfer dated November 15, 2002 for \$10,000 as payment in full of the civil penalty assessed in the Final Order.

Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

This case is now closed.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, DC 20590**

In the Matter of)
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Equilon Pipeline Company, LLC)
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Respondent.)
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CPF No. 4-2002-5004

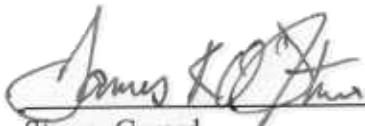
FINAL ORDER

On August 22, 2002, the Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, issued Respondent a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (Notice) in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207. The Notice proposed assessing a civil penalty of \$10,000 for the alleged violation of 49 C.F.R. § 195.440. Respondent responded by letter dated September 23, 2002 and did not contest the allegation or the amount of the proposed civil penalty. Respondent submitted a wire transfer in the amount of the proposed civil penalty (\$10,000), waiving further right to respond, and authorizing the entry of this Final Order.

Pursuant to § 190.209(a)(1) and 49 U.S.C. § 60122, I find that Respondent violated the following section of 49 C.F.R. Part 195 as described more completely in the Notice:

195.440 – failing to document a continuing education program which should be conducted in close proximity to the Rancho Pipeline.

This finding will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action against Respondent. I assess the civil penalty of \$10,000, already paid by Respondent.



Stacey Gerard

**h Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety**

OCT 23 2003

Date Issued