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Mr. Richard D. Hatchett
Vice President, Operations
Western Gas Interstate Company
211 North Colorado
Midland, TX 78701

RE: CPF No. 45105

Dear Mr. Hatchett:

On August 1, 1997, a Final Order was issued to Western Gas Interstate Company by the Associate Administrator for the Office of Pipeline Safety. It made findings of violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$ 2,500.

I acknowledge receipt of, and accept your wire transfer dated October 4, 2000, in the amount of \$ 2, 500 as payment in full of the civil penalty. Based on the recommendation of the Director, Southwest Region, this case is now closed and no further enforcement action is contemplated with respect to the matters involved in the case. Thank you for your cooperation in our joint effort to ensure pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

James Reynolds
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED