WARNING LETTER

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Calvin Carver, Treasurer Penn Jersey Pipeline 2 Windermere Terrace Short Hills, NJ 07078

CPF No. 17102W

Dear Mr. Carver:

On February 11 and 12, 1997, a representative of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), pursuant to chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted an onsite pipeline safety inspection of the Penn Jersey Pipeline facilities and records at the Elizabethtown Gas office in New Village, NJ.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that Penn Jersey Pipeline has committed probable violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192. The items inspected and the probable violations are:

1. Section § 192.481 Atmospheric corrosion control: Monitoring

Section § 192.481 requires that each operator shall, at intervals not exceeding 3 years, reevaluate each pipeline that is exposed to the atmosphere and take remedial action whenever necessary to maintain protection against atmospheric corrosion.

No records have been maintained to show that all above-ground piping and related components on the Penn Jersey system has been inspected for atmospheric corrosion at intervals not exceeding 3 years, as outlined in Section § 192.481. Records should indicate the date of the inspection, location of the inspection, condition of the piping, remedial action required, and the date remedial action was completed.

2. Section § 192.615(a)(4) Emergency Plans

Section § 192.615(a)(4) requires that each operator shall establish written procedures to minimize the hazard resulting from a gas pipeline emergency. These procedures must include the availability of personnel, equipment, tools, and materials, as needed at the scene of an emergency.

The availability of personnel, equipment, tools, and materials, as needed at the scene of an emergency was not provided by Penn Jersey to show compliance with this section of the code. Arrangements to assure the availability of personnel and specialized equipment (bulldozers, track hoes, compressors, air hammers, trailers, tractors, etc.) that may be needed in the event of an emergency should also be described in procedures.

Under 49 United States Code 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 for each violation for each day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$500,000 for any related series of violations.

We have reviewed the circumstances and supporting documents involved in this case, and have decided not to assess you a civil penalty. We advise you, however, that should you not correct the circumstances leading to the violations, we will take enforcement action when and if the continued violations come to our attention in the future.

Sincerely,

William H. Gute Eastern Regional Director Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosures

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