

Mr. Steven S. Ball
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RE: CPF No. 38512

Dear Mr. Ball:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violations of pipeline safety standards and acknowledges completion of corrective action. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5. This case is now closed and no further enforcement action is contemplated with the respect to the matters involved in this case. Thank you for your cooperation in our joint effort to ensure pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn M. Hill
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, DC 20590

In the Matter of)
Williams Pipe Line Company,) CPF No. 38512
Respondent.)
_____)

FINAL ORDER

On April 28-May 1, July 14-18, July 21-23, and October 6-10, 1997, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's facilities and records for the Southern Region in Petersburg, IL, Tulsa, OK, Overland Park, KS, and Iowa City, IA. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Central Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated February 11, 1998, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice proposed finding that Respondent had committed violations of 49 C.F.R. §§ 195.401, 195.404, and 195.436. The Notice also proposed that Respondent take certain measures to correct the alleged violations.

In a letter dated April 23, 1998, Respondent submitted a Response to the Notice. Respondent did not contest the allegations of violation but provided information concerning the corrective actions it has taken. Respondent did not request a hearing and therefore, has waived its right to one.

FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

Respondent did not contest alleged violations § 195.401, 195.404, and 195.436 in the Notice. Accordingly, I find that Respondent violated 49 C.F.R. Part 195, as more fully described in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. §195.401 – failing to timely correct conditions that could adversely affect safe operation of its pipeline system

49 C.F.R. §195.404 – failing to maintain current maps and records of its pipeline system;

49 C.F.R. §195.436 – failing to adequately secure facility from unauthorized entry.

These findings of violation will be considered prior offenses in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

COMPLIANCE ORDER

The Notice proposed a compliance order. Respondent has demonstrated corrective action addressing the items in the proposed compliance order. The low cathodic protection readings have been corrected by replacing part of a ground bed at the St. Charles, Missouri terminal. Alignment maps are now current and a program established to address this issue. Security of the Kenneth Station is resolved, as the station is decommissioned and demolition is planned. However, should those plans change, the station will be enclosed with a security fence before returning to service. Respondent has submitted revised procedures to their operating and maintenance manual.

The Director, Central Region, OPS has accepted these measures as adequately fulfilling the requirements of the regulations and no further action is needed with respect to a compliance order.

Under 49 C.F.R. § 190.215, Respondent has a right to petition for reconsideration of this Final Order. The petition must be received within 20 days of Respondent's receipt of this Final Order and must contain a brief statement of the issue(s). The filing of the petition automatically stays the payment of any civil penalty assessed. All other terms of the order, including any required corrective action, shall remain in full effect unless the Associate Administrator, upon request, grants a stay. The terms and conditions of this Final Order are effective upon receipt.

Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued