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Mr. Chris Maudlin
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RE: CPF No. **59505H**

Dear Mr. Maudlin:

A Corrective Action Order was issued on June 18, 1999 (as amended¹) (CAO) by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety² in the above-referenced case. The CAO required Olympic Pipe Line Company (Olympic) to take the necessary corrective action to protect the public and the environment from potential hazards associated with its 16-inch diameter Olympic Pipeline running between Ferndale, Washington to Allen, Washington and Allen, Washington to Renton, Washington. Paragraph 1 of the Final Amendment to the CAO required Olympic to restrict operating pressure on the Olympic Pipeline until receiving written authorization from the Director, Western Region, PHMSA, to operate at a higher pressure. On July 10, 2006, Olympic requested approval to increase the operating pressure on all facilities subject to the CAO. After review of the records and work on the Olympic Pipeline system, the Regional Director granted written authorization for the increase on October 17, 2006 subject to the conditions set forth in Olympic's request letter and ongoing compliance with applicable PHMSA regulations. The Regional Director stated that once Olympic confirmed it had successfully returned its system to full operating pressure in accordance with the authorization, PHMSA would issue a final notice closing the above-referenced proceeding. The Regional Director, in coordination with Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, has overseen Olympic's compliance with all corrective action requirements under the CAO, including the Final Amendment and all

¹ The CAO was amended three times adding measures as additional pipeline operating and physical characteristics were revealed during the course of the investigation.

² The Office of Pipeline Safety became part of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), effective February 20, 2005, when PHMSA succeeded the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) as the agency responsible for regulating safety in pipeline transportation and hazardous materials transportation. See, section 108 of the Norman Y. Mineta Research and Special Programs Improvement Act (Public Law 108-426, 118 Stat. 2423-2429 (November 30, 2004)). See also, 70 Fed. Reg. 8299 (February 18, 2005)(redelegating the pipeline safety authorities and functions to the PHMSA Administrator).

intervening amendments, and has confirmed that Olympic has successfully returned its system to full operating pressure. This case is now closed.

Sincerely,



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