Mr. John Locantro Manager - Operations Leviathan Oil Transport Systems, L.L.C. 7400 Texas Commerce Tower 600 Travis Houston, TX 77002

Dear Mr. Locantro:

The Research and Special Programs Administration's Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) is unable to approveLeviathan Oil Transport Systems' request for a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR §§ 192.243, 192.303, and 192.605 to maintain original construction documentation for the life of a pipeline. In order for this waiver to be granted, Leviathan must provide an alternative to the requirements and OPS must find that the alternative proposal provides an equal or greater level of safety.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or L.E. Herrick at (202) 366-5523 (online herrickl@rspa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,

Richard B. Felder Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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