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Mr. Dwayne Burton
Vice President, Operations and Engineering
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America
A Subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, Inc.
One Allen Center
500 Dallas Street, Suite 1000
Houston, TX 77002

RE: CPF No. 34110

Dear Mr. Burton:

On May 6, 1998, a Final Order was issued to Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America by the Associate Administrator for the Office of Pipeline Safety. It made findings of violation and assessed a civil penalty of \$ 15,000.

I acknowledge receipt of, and accept your check dated November 5, 2002, in the amount of \$ 15,773.26 which includes \$ 773.26 in interest and late fees as payment in full of the civil penalty. Based on the recommendation of the Director, Central 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