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Mr. Edward C. McMurtrie
Vice President/General Manager
Paiute Pipeline Company
5241 Spring Mountain Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146-8713

Re: CPF No. 54300

Dear Mr. McMurtrie:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violation and finds that you have completed the actions specified in the Notice required to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. This case is now closed. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Sincerely,

James Reynolds
Pipeline Compliance Registry
Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

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

In the Matter of

Paiute Pipeline Company,

Respondent

CPF No. 54300

FINAL ORDER

On November 1-5, 1993, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Nevada Public Service Commission, as an agent of the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's facilities and records in Carson City, Nevada. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Western Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated June 20, 1994, 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 violated 49 C.F.R. § 192.195(a) and proposed that Respondent take certain measures to correct the alleged violation.

Respondent failed to respond within 30 days after it had received the Notice. Respondent's failure to respond constitutes a waiver of Respondent's right to contest the allegations in the Notice and authorizes the entry of this Final Order.

FINDING OF VIOLATION

Pursuant to § 190.209(c), I find that Respondent violated the following section of 49 C.F.R. Part 192, as described more completely in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. § 192.195(a) – failing to have pressure relieving or pressure limiting devices for its 16-inch mainline from Mile Post (MP) 164.27 Compressor Station 6 V.A. to MP 183.88 Chimney V.A. The line did not have overpressure protection to prevent it from overpressuring during liquefied natural gas (LNG) operations associated with the system.

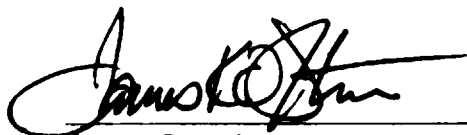
This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

COMPLIANCE ORDER

The Notice proposed a compliance order for violation of 49 C.F.R. § 192.195(a). Under 49 U.S.C. § 60118(a), each person who engages in the transportation of gas or who owns or operates a pipeline facility is required to comply with the applicable safety standards established under Chapter 601. The Regional Director has indicated that Respondent has taken the following actions specified in the Proposed Compliance Order:

Respondent has submitted documentation demonstrating that it has installed overpressure protection for its 16-inch mainline from MP 164.27 Compressor Station 6 V.A. to MP 183.88 Chimney V.A. to prevent the line from overpressuring when the LNG pumps are in operation. The documentation included design drawings for the installation of equipment, material requisitions/purchase orders for major equipment, and field installation documentation.

Accordingly, since compliance has been achieved with respect to this violation, the compliance terms are not included in this Order.



Stacey Gerard
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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Date Issued