BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

D & M Propane

(Respondent)

PHMSA CASE NUMBER 13-0040-SCCC-CE

FINAL ORDER

By this Order, I find that D & M Propane (Respondent) committed two (2) violations of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), 49 CFR Parts 171-180, and I assess Respondent a \$6,000 civil penalty.

On July 29, 2013, the Office of Chief Counsel issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Respondent proposing a \$6,000 civil penalty for two (2) violations of the HMR. On August 27, 2013, Respondent submitted a payment in the amount of \$6,000. By paying the full amount of the civil penalty proposed in the Notice, Respondent admitted the violations as alleged in the Notice (49 CFR § 107.315). Therefore, I find that Respondent committed the violations as set forth in the Notice.

These violations shall constitute a prior violation under 49 U.S.C. § 5123 in the event Respondent commits any future violation of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. § 5101 <u>et seq.</u>, or the HMR.

By paying the proposed civil penalty, Respondent waived all rights to further respond to the Notice and to appeal this Order. Accordingly, PHMSA accepts Respondent's August 27, 2013 payment in full satisfaction of the civil penalty proposed in the Notice and PHMSA shall close this case with prejudice.

Dated: $\frac{10}{d5}/d0/3$

Nis so Ordere Vanessa L. Allen Sutherland

Vanessa L. Allen Sutherland Chief Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICES

This is to certify that on the $\underline{\partial q}$ day of October 2013 the undersigned served in the following manner the designated copies of this Order to each party listed below:

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