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**Pipeline and
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Administration**

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WITHDRAWAL of NOTICE LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 27, 2015

Mr. Richard Keyser
Sr. Vice President Operations
Texas Gas Transmission, LLC
9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2800
Houston, TX 77046

CPF 2-2015-1002

Dear Mr. Keyser:


On April 24, 2015, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Southern Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) issued Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (TGT) a Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV) for probable violations of the federal pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR Part 192.

The NOPV pertained to TGT's Fayetteville Lateral in Mississippi and Arkansas. It cited TGT under §192.167 for failing to properly configure the blowdown piping for the emergency shutdown system (ESD) at its Bald Knob compressor station and §192.199 for failing to properly configure blowdown discharge stacks for its meter stations along the pipeline.

On May 22, 2015, TGT responded to the NOPV in writing. With regards to the probable violation of §192.167, TGT explained that during the inspection its personnel did not properly explain to the OPS inspector that the blowdown piping stacks cited were to vent air, not gas, during an ESD activation. While TGT did not contest the probable violation of §192.199, the Southern Region reviewed the issue and determined that the regulation cited did not pertain the blowdown discharge stack at the tap valve cited in the probable violation.

Accordingly, the PHMSA Southern Region withdraws the NOPV and this case is now closed.

Sincerely,


Wayne T. Lemoj
Director, Office of Pipeline Safety
PHMSA Southern Region