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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

MAY 25 2012

Mr. Thomas Stone
Vice President
Chief Operations and Maintenance Officer
Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC
5444 Westheimer Road
Houston, TX 77056

Re: CPF No. 4-2012-1001S

Dear Mr. Stone:

Enclosed please find a Consent Order incorporating the terms of the Consent Agreement reached between PHMSA and Florida Gas Transmission in this enforcement action and that you signed on May 1, 2012. Service of the Consent Order and Consent Agreement by certified mail is deemed effective upon the date of mailing, or as otherwise provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Rod Seeley, Director, Southwest Region, OPS
Mr. Alan Mayberry, Deputy Associate Administrator for Field Operations, Pipeline Safety, OPS

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590**

In the Matter of

Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC,

Respondent.

CPF No. 4-2012-1001S

CONSENT ORDER


By letter dated February 24, 2012, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety, issued a Notice of Proposed Safety Order (Notice) to Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (Respondent), in this case.

In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.239, the Notice alleged that the segment of Respondent's natural gas pipeline designated as LAMEB-8, running from the Zachary Compressor Station to the Franklinton Compressor Station, has an apparent condition that, without corrective measures, would pose a pipeline integrity risk to public safety, property, or the environment and proposed that Respondent take certain actions to address the condition. Specifically, the Notice alleged that the conditions associated with a February 13, 2012 rupture in East Baton Rouge, Louisiana, required corrective measures to ensure safety.

In response to the Notice, Respondent requested an informal consultation under 49 C.F.R. § 190.239(b)(2). Respondent and PHMSA engaged in good-faith settlement discussions and reached an agreement, as set forth in the Consent Agreement attached to this Order, that settles all of the allegations in the Notice.

Accordingly, the foregoing Consent Agreement is hereby approved and incorporated by reference into this Order. The Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with terms of the Consent Agreement, effective immediately.

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 60101 *et seq.*, failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties of up to \$200,000 per violation per day, or in the referral of the case to the Department of Justice for judicial enforcement. The terms and conditions of this Order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.



Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

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Date Issued