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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

November 8, 2012

Mr. Vern Meier  
Vice President, US Pipelines, Field Operations  
TransCanada Northern Border, Inc.  
717 Texas Avenue  
Houston, TX 77002-2761

**Re: CPF 5-2011-1004H  
Closure Letter**

Dear Mr. Meier:

On July, 21 2011, the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), formerly the Research and Special Programs Administration, issued a Corrective Action Order (CAO) in the above-referenced case. The CAO required TransCanada Northern Border, Inc., to take immediate corrective actions with respect to its gas transmission pipeline known as the Bison Pipeline which experienced a failure on July 20, 2011. After review of the records and the work performed on these pipeline systems, the Director of the Western Region, PHMSA, has determined that TransCanada Northern Border, Inc. has satisfactorily complied with the terms of that CAO. Accordingly, this case is now closed.

Thank you for your assistance in bringing this effort to an acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

Chris Hoidal  
Director, Western Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry  
PHP-500 Allen/Larson  
PHP-300 Barrett