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**Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety
Administration**

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WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 6, 2007

Mr. Jeff Barger
Vice president – Pipeline Operations
Dominion Transmission Inc.
445 West Main Street
Clarksburg, WV 26301

CPF 3-2007-1012W

Dear Mr. Barger:

On March 12-16, 2007, representatives of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (OH-PUC), acting as an interstate agent for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to Chapter 601 of 49 United States Code inspected your records and facilities at several locations throughout the state of Ohio.

As a result of the inspection, it appears that you have committed a probable violation of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations. The item inspected and the probable violation is:

1. §192.707 Line markers for mains and transmission lines.

(d) Marker warning. The following must be written legibly on a background of sharply contrasting color on each line marker:

(2) The name of the operator and telephone number (including area code) where the operator can be reached at all times.

During the field evaluation, it was noted the line markers at road crossings did not have an emergency telephone number where the operator could be reached at all times.

While evaluating the road crossings at Wall and Lentz roads, the line markers did not have the 24 hour emergency phone number. It appeared that the prolonged exposure to the elements had worn the number off to the point where it could no longer be read. The company should take steps to identify and repair other line markers that are in similar condition to these.

Under 49 United States Code, § 60122, you are subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100,000 for each violation for each day the violation persists up to a maximum of \$1,000,000 for any related series of violations. We have reviewed the circumstances and supporting documents involved in this case, and have decided not to conduct additional enforcement action or penalty assessment proceedings at this time. We advise you to correct the item(s) identified in this letter. Failure to do so will result in Dominion Transmission Inc. being subject to additional enforcement action.

No reply to this letter is required. If you choose to reply, in your correspondence please refer to **CPF 3-2007-1012W**. Be advised that all material you submit in response to this enforcement action is subject to being made publicly available. If you believe that any portion of your responsive material qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b), along with the complete original document you must provide a second copy of the document with the portions you believe qualify for confidential treatment redacted and an explanation of why you believe the redacted information qualifies for confidential treatment under 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

Sincerely,



Ivan A. Huntoon
Director, Central Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration