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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

September 16, 2010

Mr. Carlos Fandino
Director of Light and Power
City of Vernon
4305 Santa Fe Avenue
Vernon, CA 90058

**Re: CPF 5-2006-0020
Case Closure Letter**

Dear Mr. Fandino:

On June 21, 2005, a representative from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), pursuant to chapter 601 of 49 United States Code, conducted a pipeline safety inspection of your gas pipeline system in Vernon, California. As a result of the inspection, the City of Vernon was issued a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order requiring certain safety improvements be completed.

The City of Vernon responded to the Notice by letters dated June 15, 2006, and August 11, 2006. Based on these responses, a Final Order was issued by PHMSA's Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety on July 09, 2009. At that time, the Final Order recognized completion of all of the mandated Corrective Actions except for Item No. 4. Item 4 required the City of Vernon to submit documentation of its continuing public education and awareness program to me within 60 days.

The City of Vernon responded in a letter dated May 12, 2010 with evidence to demonstrate that compliance with Item No. 4 of the Final Order was achieved in September 2009. My staff reviewed the documentation and it appears that compliance was achieved within the required time.

This letter is to inform you no further action is necessary and this case is now closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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