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Public Utilities Commission

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
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VIA EMAIL

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Greetings,

On February 28, 1995 Rocky Mountain Natural Gas, OPID 1627 was granted a temporary waiver by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission in Decision Number C95-187. This correspondence is to update the status of the operations covered by this waiver. It is the desire of Black Hills Energy, the current operator of facilities covered by this waiver, to discontinue this waiver.

The Colorado PUC evaluated the petition and determined that use of Walden LNG facility is necessary for RMNG to maintain continuous and uninterrupted service while the Laramie to Walden pipeline is being built. The Colorado PUC has approved the Walden facility as a temporary satellite LNG send-out facility until April 30, 1995.

The aforementioned facility falls under the jurisdiction of the COPUC Pipeline Safety Program. From §192.1013 "...in the case of an intrastate pipeline facility regulated by the *State*, the appropriate State agency. The applicable oversight agency may accept the proposal on its own authority, with or without conditions and limitations, on a showing that the operator's proposal, which includes the adjusted interval, will provide an equal or greater overall level of safety."

It should not be assumed that the COPUC PSP waiver referenced in this letter is indicative of all probable violations existing at this time. It is incumbent upon the Operator to review its operations to determine whether there are areas of noncompliance. Areas of noncompliance that could lead to an imminent hazard to public safety and property should be repaired immediately. All areas of noncompliance (hazardous or otherwise) should be corrected expeditiously, and records maintained for inspection.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 303-894-2000. Alternatively, you may e-mail the COPUC PSP at dora_copuc_pipeline_safety@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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