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G. Joel Tierney
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Montana Public Service Commission
1701 Prospect Avenue
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Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2023-0115
Montana Public Service Commission – Docket – 2023.03.019

Dear Mr. Tierney:

On October 5, 2023, pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60118(d), the Montana Public Service Commission (Commission) notified the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) that it granted a waiver to Hiland Partner Holdings LLC (Hiland). The Commission issued the waiver (Docket – 2023.03.013) to Hiland on October 4, 2023, for the 9.15 mile Bakken to WBI Natural Gas Residue Pipeline (Bakken Residue Line), an 8-inch steel pipeline that carries natural gas in Richland County, Montana.

The waiver allows Hiland to utilize the Zap-Lok technology for joining pipe in the Bakken Residue Line. The applicant requested a waiver of 49 C.F.R. §§ 192.55, 192.105, 192.109, 192.271, and 192.273 to continue operation of the pipeline and use the Zap-Lock technology.

Pursuant to 49 USC § 60118(d), PHMSA does not object to issuance of this waiver by the Commission to Hiland.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, please contact Mary L. McDaniel, Acting Director of Engineering and Research Division, at 713-272-2847.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety