

**BEFORE THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION**

PHMSA CASE NUMBER

25-0249-CA-SW

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Cortez Gas Company, Inc.
(Respondent)**

FINAL ORDER

By this Order, I find that Cortez Gas Company, Inc. (Respondent) committed two (2) violations of the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR), 49 CFR Parts 171-180, and I assess Respondent a \$2,775 civil penalty.

On December 4, 2025, the Office of Chief Counsel issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Respondent proposing a \$2,775 civil penalty for two (2) violations of the HMR. On December 10, 2025, Respondent submitted a payment in the amount of \$2,775. By paying the full amount of the civil penalty proposed in the Notice, Respondent admitted the violations as alleged in the Notice (49 CFR § 107.315). Therefore, I find Respondent committed the violations as set forth in the Notice.

These violations shall constitute as prior violations under 49 U.S.C. § 5123 in the event Respondent commits any future violation of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq., or the HMR.

By paying the proposed civil penalty, Respondent waived all rights to further respond to the Notice and to appeal this Order. Accordingly, PHMSA accepts Respondent's December 10, 2025, payment in full satisfaction of the civil penalty proposed in the Notice, and PHMSA shall close this case with prejudice.

Dated: January 12, 2026

It is so Ordered,

**ADAM SCHAEFER
HORSLEY**

for Keith J. Coyle
Chief Counsel

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