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Mr. Jeffrey D. Wiese, Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety
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RE: Cast Iron Replacement Programs in South Dakota

Dear Mr. Wiese:

Per your June 13, 2012 request, the following year end 2011 statistics update the previous report we made regarding cast iron replacement in South Dakota:

- There are 4, 570 miles distribution main in South Dakota.
- There are 21.6 miles of cast iron piping in South Dakota.
- Cast represents about 0.5 % of the distribution main piping in South Dakota.
- All cast iron is with one operator and within one city.
- The operator has voluntarily implemented a replacement program for all cast iron in South Dakota that will be completed by fall of 2014.
- Since the operator has voluntarily implemented a replacement program without to date submitting a rate case and/or request for a rate rider, South Dakota has had no need to implement a state mandated replacement program.

I look forward to a continued partnership in pipeline safety matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Chris Nelson

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Chairman