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REF: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Docket Number: P-2014-2457138

Docket #: PHMSA-2015-0008

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

On January 12, 2015, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received via email your cover letter dated January 8, 2015, providing notification that on December 18, 2014, the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission (Pa PUC) issued a State waiver to Johnstown Regional Energy, LLC, for variance from certain Federal Regulations contained in 49 CFR § 192, regarding the design and usage of plastic pipe, and requesting that PHMSA initiate a review of the waiver as required under 49 U.S.C. § 60118(d).

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015, Mr. John Gale, Director, PHMSA, Office of Standards and Rulemaking, reached out to Mr. Paul Metro of the Pa PUC Gas Safety Division, requesting that the Order and other supporting documentation be provided to PHMSA for technical review. On Tuesday, January 20, 2015, the Order which completed the application was electronically forwarded to the PHMSA review team.

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015, the complete Order and other supporting documentation were placed into PHMSA Docket Number: PHMSA-2015-0008 at www.Regulations.gov. Please note that the PHMSA 60-day review period began on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 (the date on which the complete application was received by PHMSA). We hope to provide a detailed response by close of business on March 20, 2015. If during the review, PHMSA determines that additional time is needed for technical review, a letter requesting additional time will be sent to the Pa PUC.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, my staff would be pleased to assist you. Please call me at 202-366-0434 for regulatory matters, or Mr. Kenneth Lee, Director of Engineering and Research, at 202-366-2694 for technical matters. Thank you for your continued efforts in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

John A. Gale

Director, Office of Standards and Rulemaking

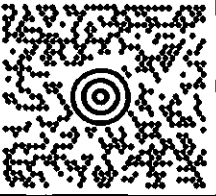

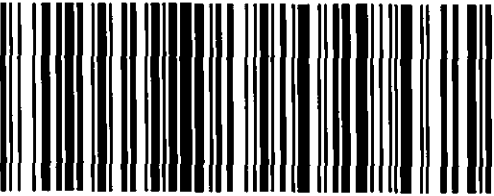

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