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**Re: Request for Special Permit Waiver for Odorization Exemption under  
49 CFR 192.625 for Hydrogen Gas Pipeline Docket No. P-2024-  
3052025**

Dear Mr. Snyder:

On November 7, 2024, Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. (Matheson) wrote a letter to the Secretary's Bureau of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) requesting a special permit waiver for odorization exemption under 49 CFR 192.625 for a 1.83-mile-long hydrogen pipeline. The Secretary's Bureau treated this letter as a Petition under 52 Pa. Code § 5.43 and docketed the matter at P-2024-3052025.

Section 5.43 states in relevant part:

- (a) A petition to the Commission for the issuance, amendment, waiver or repeal of a regulation must set forth clearly and concisely the interest of the petitioner in the subject matter, the specific regulation, amendment, waiver or repeal requested and cite by appropriate reference the statutory provision or other authority involved. The petition must set forth the purpose of, and the facts claimed to constitute the grounds requiring the regulation, amendment, waiver or repeal. Petitions for the issuance or amendment of a regulation shall incorporate the proposed regulation or amendment.
- (b) A copy of the petition shall be served on all persons directly affected and on other parties who petitioner believes will be affected by the petition. Copies of the petition shall be served on the Office of Trial Staff<sup>1</sup>, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate. Service shall be evidenced with a certificate of service filed with the petition.**
- (c) Copies shall also be served in compliance with Commission direction.

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<sup>1</sup> The Office of Trial Staff no longer exists and is now referred to as the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement.

Id. § 5.43 (emphasis added).

The November 7, 2024, Petition was mailed to the Secretary's Bureau and cc'd to the Commission Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) but contains no certificate of service evidencing that the Petition was served on the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) or the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA). Moreover, this Petition must be served on all "all persons directly affected and on other parties who petitioner believes will be affected by the petition." Such persons may include the municipal authorities/townships/counties in which the pipeline is situated, emergency responders in the areas of the pipeline, residents and businesses located along the pipeline, and Matheson's own customers, etc.

Accordingly, the Secretary is directing you to serve the Petition in accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 5.43 with particular attention to service of the statutory advocates and I&E, as well as any other persons directly affected or who Matheson believes will be affected by the Petition.<sup>2</sup> You are directed to then file proof of that service with the Secretary by no later than the close of business on January 23, 2025.

Please direct any questions to Adam D. Young, Esq. at (717) 787-4700 or Colin W. Scott, Esq. at (717) 783-5949, Assistant Counsel, Law Bureau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

cc: Allison Kaster, Director, PUC Bureau of I&E

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<sup>2</sup> We note that I&E filed an Answer to the Petition, *nunc pro tunc*, on January 2, 2025 alleging that I&E was not properly served with the Petition, and requesting that the Petition be denied without added safety measures being ordered by the Commission.