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Mr. Zach Barrett Director of State Programs Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration 3700 S. MacArthur Blvd, Suite B Oklahoma City, OK 73179-7612

Dear Mr. Barrett,

On September 28, 2015, Mr. Al Zadeh, Pipeline Safety Lead Engineer, Utah Division of Public Utilities, forwarded an email containing a letter dated April 24, 2015, addressed to the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission). The letter was sent by Jeffrey D. Wiese, Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), and requested the Commission affirm specific information regarding State Certification issues. Unfortunately, we have no record of having received this letter in April. We appreciate PHMSA's follow-up and provide this response to that letter.

The Commission affirms that it has reviewed the requirements noted in the letter and that:

- Under the Constitution and laws of the State, specifically Utah Code Ann. Section 54-13 <u>http://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title54/Chapter13/54-13.html?v=C54-13_1800010118000101</u>, the State of Utah has regulatory jurisdiction over the safety standards and practices of intrastate gas pipeline transportation within the State.
- 2) Utah has adopted, under Utah Administrative Code R746-409 <u>http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r746/r746-409.htm</u>, the parts of the Federal safety standard (Federal pipeline safety regulations) that are applicable to the intrastate pipeline facilities under the State's safety jurisdiction.

Please feel free to contact Al Zadeh at 801-530-6673 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair</u> Public Service Commission of Utah DW#269662