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Re: Docket No. PHMSA–2012–0024

Pipeline Safety: Information Collection Activities, Revision to Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipeline Systems Annual Report, Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipeline Systems Incident Report, and hazardous Liquid Pipeline Systems Annual Report

Dear Sir or Madam:

Alliance Pipeline Inc. submits this letter per the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) notice and request for comments (Notice) issued in the referenced docket by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on April 12, 2012, and published in the *Federal Register* on April 13, 2012.¹

The Alliance pipeline system is an integrated North American pipeline composed of 2311 miles of pipe initiating in northeast British Columbia, Canada effectively connecting the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin to the United States (U.S.) Midwest. The U.S. portion of the pipeline system transports high energy natural gas through North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois, delivering into the Chicago Hub near Joliet, Illinois. Commissioning of the US system was completed in December 2000, and is comprised of 888 miles of high strength 36 inch diameter heavy wall pipe. Alliance strongly believes in a life cycle approach to pipeline integrity through robust design, stringent construction practices, and diligent integrity/O&M practices.

Alliance Pipeline is an active member with the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) and many of their working committees. Alliance's leadership was at the forefront of developing the INGAA Guiding Principles of Pipeline Safety. As work continues with the INGAA Integrity Management Continuous Improvement (IMCI), and the various PHMSA rule writing efforts we encourage PHMSA to actively engage with the industry and public to develop

¹ 77 Fed. Reg. 22387.

meaningful workable solutions to achieving the INGAA goal of “Zero” pipeline accidents. Alliance files this letter in support of comments filed by INGAA on June 12, 2012.

Alliance is committed to the unrelenting pursuit of “Zero” pipeline incidents. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. McGrath". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Michael J. McGrath
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