



March 25, 2016

Mr. Jeff Wiese
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Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2011-0023, *Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines*

Dear Mr. Wiese:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.319, the American Gas Association, the American Petroleum Institute, the American Public Gas Association, the Gas Processors Association, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and the Independent Petroleum Association of America are writing to request a 60 day extension of the comment deadline included in the above-referenced docket.

We appreciate the agency releasing the pre-publication version of the notice of proposed rulemaking. However, on account of the length and complexity of the proposed revisions to the existing regulations, we will need additional time to review and provide responsive comments. The agency is proposing to modify approximately 47 sections of the regulations which will impact the design, construction, maintenance, operations and integrity management programs for gas transmission and gathering pipelines. In addition, we will need time to review and analyze the regulatory support documents which the agency has yet to release.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

American Gas Association

American Petroleum Institute

American Public Gas Association

Gas Processors Association

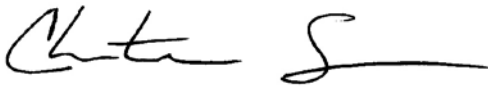
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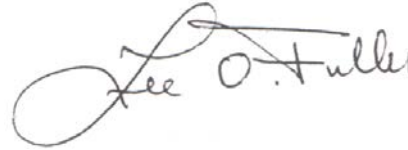
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