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August 10, 2007

Mr. Brett Koenecke  
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Dear Brett:

Re: In the Matter of the Filing of the  
Investigation of the Natural Gas  
Incident of March 8, 2007, in  
Mitchell, SD  
Your File No. 0230.09

Our law firm represents Arden Lemke, d/b/a Lemke  
Digging & Geo Thermo Drilling.

Mark O'Leary was kind enough to send me a copy of your  
correspondence dated July 26, 2007, and July 30, 2007.

At the PUC hearing held on August 7, 2007, Mr. Lemke  
was allowed to intervene in this matter.

Accordingly, our experts may want to examine, without  
altering, the pipe. At this time, I am not sure they will be  
available on or before August 31. If that is going to be a  
problem, please let me know.

Our experts would like to know if they will be allowed  
to handle the pipe and take measurements to determine if it is  
out of round, dented or has a corrosion problem.

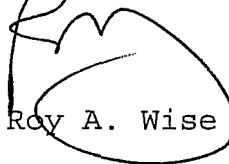
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To: Brett Koenecke

Date: 8/10/07

We would agree with your proposal that the parties submit their proposed plans and requirements for further testing of the pipe, which I think everyone anticipates will be destructive in nature. You will recall that this was the point I tried to make at the August 7 hearing.

Very truly yours,



Roy A. Wise

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