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Patricia Van Gerpen  
PUC Executive Director  
500 E. Capitol Ave  
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RE: Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

Attached please find the pipeline safety staff's Petition for a Declaratory Ruling. This filing is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:34 and 35. We look forward to a Commission hearing on this Petition.

Sincerely,

Kara Semmler

Staff Attorney