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Patricia Van Gerpen

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Re: PS11-003

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

In an effort to achieve consistency in its recommendations, pipeline safety staff developed the attached "penalty calculation worksheet." The worksheet is similar to the method used by other state agencies with discretionary penalty jurisdiction. The attached internal work document of the pipeline department may help the Commission better understand Staff's recommendation.

Sincerely,

Kara Semmler