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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Ave.
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RE: Pipeline Incident Report

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

A natural gas incident occurred on the Montana Dakota Utilities system on June 17, 2015. Staff requests the Commission open an informational docket pursuant to ARSD 20:10:37:11, as the investigation has concluded and no further action is necessary.

Specifically, the incident occurred in Gettysburg, South Dakota, when a natural gas explosion destroyed an occupied single family home. The incident did result in an injury requiring hospitalization. Estimated damages are in excess of \$50,000. Upon notification of the incident, PUC pipeline safety inspectors traveled to the site to investigate.

The cause of the incident was determined to be third party damage. Enclosed please find the Pipeline Failure Investigation Report completed for this incident, as well as associated attachments.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Pipeline Safety staff.

Sincerely,

Kristen N. Edwards