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April 26, 2021

Patricia Van Gerpen  
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SD Public Utilities Commission  
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Ms. Van Gerpen:

RE: Waiver of certain code requirements identified in PHMSA Amendment 192-128

The South Dakota One Call Notification Board noticed the important change proposed by Mary Zanter, Pipeline Safety Program Manager, regarding a general waiver that applies to all natural gas operators in South Dakota. The Board wishes to notify the Public Utilities Commission that it agrees in this matter.

This common sense regulation will apply equally to all operators in South Dakota to operate under the new guidelines, instead of having different timelines apply. The One Call Board feels that having this apply immediately rather than waiting for SDCL 49- 3B-3 to be updated will be less burdensome on natural gas operators. It also makes sense from the standpoint that this is already in federal code.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Larry L. Janes'.

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Cc: Mary Zanter, Pipeline Safety Program Manager and Utility Analyst