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The Honorable Bruce Brown  
Mayor, City of Garretson  
PO Box 370  
Garretson, SD 57030  
[mayor@cityofgarretson.com](mailto:mayor@cityofgarretson.com)

RE: South Dakota 2024 Records and Field Inspection of Garretson Municipal Gas – Penalty Proposal

Mayor Brown:

On June 17, 2024, you received a letter noting the violations found during the records and field inspection conducted with Garretson Municipal Gas. That letter indicated that the issue involving the over pressure protection calculations needed to be corrected by October 15, 2024. On January 3, 2025, you received my quarterly report indicating that this issue was not yet corrected and were given until January 15, 2025, to provide a correction. As of today, I still have not been notified that the issue has been resolved.

Because this issue is still outstanding, I am proposing a fine of \$1,509 per day. Assuming best case scenario that the violation began on December 31, 2022, 752 days have passed where Garretson Municipal Gas has been in violation of 49 CFR §192.743. The total fine calculates to \$1,134,768.

I will be requesting a hearing before the commission on this matter. The commission at their discretion may adjust the calculated penalty. If you have questions about the process you can refer to the pipeline safety administrative rules which can found here: <https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/20:10:37>.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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