

MEMORANDUM

TO: Patrick Fahn, Director of Compliance and Competitive Markets

FROM: Bob Bachmeier, Gas Pipeline Safety Inspector

DATE: November 21, 2011

RE: Rangeland Energy, LLC's 3rd Party Damage Notification, One-Call Excavation Notice System Compliance to NDPSC Docket #: PU 10-637

On November 15, 2011, Rangeland Energy, LLC (Rangeland) damaged the coating on Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline's (WBI) 12 inch natural gas pipeline located west of the intersection 121st Ave. NW and 60th St. NW, section 5 of Brooklyn Township (Twp155N, Rng 98W) in Williams County.

I conducted a search in the North Dakota One-Call System to see if Rangeland had requested a locate ticket for the NW and NE quarter of section 5 of Brooklyn Township in Williams County, the location of damage to WBI's pipeline. I reviewed the locate tickets and found that Rangeland had requested locates for the location on October 6, 2011, with updated locate tickets on October 17th, October 27th and November 7th, 2011.

I contacted Craig Wagner from WBI and inquired about the damaged coating on the pipeline, he stated that Rangeland had contacted WBI about the damage on November 15th, 2011, and that WBI repaired the coating on the same day. WBI stated that they do not require reimbursement for coating repairs when the responsible party contacts them about the damage. WBI also stated that Rangeland had potholed their pipeline by hand digging and that they have not had any problems with Rangeland in the past.

I found that Rangeland has followed the North Dakota One-Call law by requesting locate tickets before excavation begins, by updating those request as needed, locating the pipeline by hand digging and by contacting the pipeline operator about the damage to their pipeline.