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The Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) is authorized by Title 54, Chapter 13 of the Utah State Code to adopt rules and regulations in conformance with the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, as amended, and other applicable laws. The Commission, by orders issued in Docket No. 89-999-06, has adopted Title 49 CFR Parts 190, 191, 192, 198, 199, and Part 40 along with certain subsequent amendments. Through delegation from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Division of Public Utilities' Pipeline Safety Section (UTPS) monitors compliance and enforces intrastate gas pipeline safety requirements. As part of this monitoring responsibility, UTPS also investigates natural gas pipeline incidents.

An investigation, No. 20181028AZ, of the natural gas incident at [redacted] Street in Wellington, Utah was conducted on October 29, 2018. The inspection revealed that the cause of the incident was a crack along the area of previous squeeze off on this 4" Aldyl-A pipe.

In the last two months UTPS investigated two other incidents (No. 20180911JB and No. 20181010JB) involving 3" and 4" Aldyl-A pipes where the cause was determined to be longitudinal cracks along the area of previous squeeze offs.

In light of these recent incidents and Aldyl-A pipes' susceptibility to cracking due to rock impingement, UTPS strongly recommends that DEU conduct a review of all records associated with Aldyl-A pipes and determine that this cracking threat is adequately addressed within the DIMP plan. This review should provide a quantitative approach to determining whether additional safety measures are warranted.

Please, inform us in writing by December 12, 2018 with your plan of action. If you have any questions you may contact me or [redacted] at [redacted].

Sincerely,

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Lead Pipeline Safety Engineer

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cc: (via email)

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