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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

April 14, 2016

Jeff Wiese
Associate Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Docket No. PHMSA-2011-0023, Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines

Dear Mr. Wiese:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.319, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) respectfully requests a 60-day extension of the comment period provided in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, PHMSA-2011-0023, *Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission and Gathering Pipelines* that was published in the Federal Register on April 8, 2016. NARUC appreciates that this proposed rulemaking is a large undertaking, involving numerous and significant changes. Given the length of the proposed rulemaking and the complexity of the issues involved, NARUC believes that additional time is necessary for us to properly review the changes.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me or NARUC's Assistant General Counsel, Jennifer M. Murphy, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



James Bradford Ramsay
General Counsel