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Pat Darras
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**RE: 2020 Natural Gas SRCR Inspection – Cascade Natural Gas Corporation – Aberdeen Unit
(Insp. No. 8137)**

Dear Mr. Darras:

Thank you for your January 8, 2020 notice of filing a safety related condition report (SRCR) with the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration (PHMSA). Pipeline Safety staff (staff) conducted an investigation in order to evaluate the cause of and response to the safety related condition.

Our investigation finds the cause of the incident was the result of earth movement outside the control of CNGC. The incident occurred when a roadway failed, resulting in damage to buried utilities including those owned and operated by CNGC. CNGC's response to the incident was timely and staff accepts CNGC's actions to bring the line back into compliance. This inspection will be closed as of the date of this letter.

Staff thanks CNGC's personnel for their cooperation and assistance during this investigation.

If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please contact Dennis Ritter at (360) 402-0066.

Sincerely,

Sean C. Mayo

Pipeline Safety Director

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