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Re: SEMCO ENERGY Gas Company
Detroit Edison Lateral
MPSC Case No. U- 12079

Dear Don:

Pursuant to our discussion, enclosed is a copy of a letter I received from Ken Burgess, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company's attorney, explaining the procedure used by Great Lakes to be authorized pursuant to FERC regulations to abandon the Lateral. As you will see from the letter, a FERC order will not be issued. Rather, the authorization arises from the fact that no objection or protest to the proposed abandonment was filed with FERC.

This letter is being forwarded to you to comply with the provisions of Paragraph "C." of the ordering section of the MPSC's September 29, 1999 Order in this matter. If this is not sufficient, if you would like copies of the Great Lakes' August 13, 1999 FERC filing and/or the FERC Notice, or if you have any questions, please call me.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,
LOOMIS, EWERT, PARSLEY,
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Ronald W. Bloomberg

cc: w/o enc.: Ken Burgess, Great Lakes
Walter Fitzgerald, SEMCO



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October 14, 1999

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Re: FERC Abandonment Prior Notice Filing, Docket No. CP99-601-000

Dear Mr. Bloomberg:

On September 28, 1990 in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Docket No. CP90-2053-000, Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) received a blanket construction certificate under Subpart F of Part 157 of the FERC regulations, 18 CFR § 157.201, *et seq.*, 52 FERC ¶ 62,291 (1990). That certificate, among other things, allows Great Lakes to perform construction and abandonment of facilities regulated under the federal Natural Gas Act, 15 USCS 717, *et seq.*, pursuant to the prior notice procedures contained within the FERC's regulations.

On August 13, 1999, pursuant to Section 157.205 and Section 157.216 of the FERC's regulations, 18 CFR § 157.205 and 18 CFR § 157.216, Great Lakes filed a request for authorization under its blanket construction certificate to abandon and to transfer by sale to SEMCO Energy Gas Company certain delivery point facilities located in China Township, St. Clair County, Michigan. Those delivery point facilities consist of approximately 1.6 miles of 16-inch outside diameter steel pipeline lateral and a meter station. The facilities were constructed under FERC Docket No. CP99-162-000 pursuant to the blanket construction certificate prior notice procedures for construction of delivery points.

Great Lakes' August 13, 1999 filing was docketed as FERC Docket No. CP99-601-000, and was publicly noticed by the FERC on August 17, 1999. Under Section 157.205 of the FERC's regulations, if a protest to a Section 157.216 prior notice abandonment filing is not filed with the FERC within 45 days after the issuance of the public notice of the abandonment filing, then the abandonment may proceed as described in the prior notice filing. Under these federal regulations, the FERC does not issue a separate, case-specific abandonment order.

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The date for the filing of protests in Docket No. CP99-601-000 passed on October 1, 1999. Protests were not filed in that docket by that date. Accordingly, Great Lakes could proceed with the abandonment after that date. Further FERC action is not necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this procedural matter, please telephone me at 313.596.4595.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth J. Bingham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.