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of Transportation

**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, D.C. 20590

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Christina Sames  
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American Gas Association  
400 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Ms. Sames:

Thank you for your August 27, 2018, letter requesting that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) modify its process for collecting user fees by either extending the payment timeline from 30 to 60 days or utilizing an electronic notification system for user fee payment requests. PHMSA agrees that extending the due date provides operators with the time needed for internal processes and delivery of user fees to PHMSA. Starting with the fiscal year 2019 user fee cycle, PHMSA will mail invoices to operators with payment due in 60 days.

PHMSA appreciates the work that the American Gas Association (AGA), American Petroleum Institute (API), Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), and American Public Gas Association (APGA) do to support PHMSA's mission to protect people and the environment by advancing the safe transportation of energy and other hazardous materials that are essential to our daily lives.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Blaine Keener, Director of Operations Systems Division, at 202-366-0970 or by email at [Blaine.Keener@dot.gov](mailto:Blaine.Keener@dot.gov).

A similar letter has been sent to your cosigners.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety