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Mrs. Christina Sames
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Dear Mrs. Sames:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at the hearing entitled, "The State of Pipeline Safety and Security in America." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

Pursuant to Rule 3 of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, members are permitted to submit additional questions to the witnesses for their responses, which will be included in the hearing record. Attached are questions directed to you from certain members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your responses to the member who has submitted the questions using the Word document provided with this letter.

To facilitate the publication of the hearing record, please submit your responses to these questions by no later than the close of business on Thursday, June 27, 2019. As previously noted, this transmittal letter and your responses, as well as the responses from the other witnesses appearing at the hearing, will all be included in the hearing record. Your written responses should be transmitted by email in the Word document provided with this letter to Omar Guzman-Toro, Policy Analyst with the Committee, at Omar@mail.house.gov. You do not need to send a paper copy of your responses to the Committee. Using the Word document provided for submitting your responses will also help maintain the proper format for incorporating your answers into the hearing record.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please have your staff contact Mr. Guzman-Toro at (202) 226-9398.

Sincerely,



Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Greg Walden
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Hearing on
“The State of Pipeline Safety and Security in America”
May 1, 2019

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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA)

1. I know your pipeline companies are serious about improving their safety records and incorporating lessons-learned from prior accidents.
 - a. Can you provide some recent examples of lessons-learned, or recommendations made by PHMSA or NTSB that have been implemented?

The Honorable Tim Walberg (R-MI)

1. What is the difference between manual valves, Automatic Shut-off Valves and Remote Control Valves?
 - a. Can you please provide the benefits, challenges, and performance expectations associated with the installation of Automatic Shut-off Valves and Remote Control Valves on existing and new natural gas pipelines.
 - b. What considerations must natural gas pipeline operators take into account when installing Automatic Shut-off Valves and Remote Control Valves on transmission lines that are integrated within distribution systems, and how do these vary by operator?