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**SUBJECT: Pacific Pipeline Company Line 901/903 Replacement Project (Case Nos. 17DVP-00000-00010; 17CUP-00000-00027; 17DRP-00000-00002; 17CDP-00000-00060)**

Dear Mr. Briggs:

As discussed via telephone, I am writing to confirm Pacific Pipeline Company's (PPC's) decision to withdraw its application for the Line 901/903 Replacement Project (Project). After acquiring the pipeline and ongoing Project from Plains Pipeline, L.P. (Plains) in October 2022, PPC proceeded along parallel pathways, evaluating replacement and restart options for the pipeline system.

We find the potential environmental impacts associated with the major construction of a second pipeline unnecessary and avoidable. Indeed, during the federal environmental review and permitting process to develop the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, staff from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency indicated that restart of the existing pipeline is likely the Least Environmentally Damaging Practical Alternative (LEDPA) under the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1344).<sup>1</sup> Recent inspections and analysis affirms this initial view that it would not make sense to continue the permitting process when the existing pipeline can be responsibly restarted. Lastly, there is also a high degree of local permitting and business uncertainty created by recent actions that has impacted investment commitment as well as timing assurances to customers.

We appreciate the County's involvement in the Project, particularly the hard work of County Planning Staff to progress Project permitting. We request the outstanding funds associated with

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<sup>1</sup> PPC understands that a formal decision on the LEDPA cannot be made until the entire environmental review and permitting process is completed.

the Project's EIR/EIS be processed and refunded to PPC at your convenience. Please note that we will dissolve the ShareFile account no earlier than November 17 unless a request is made for extension.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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