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Dear

Proposed Pipeline Routeing Guidelines.

Further to discussions at the United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators Association (UKOPA) meeting held on the 14th/15th June 2001, I am writing to reconfirm UKOPA's views with regard to the proposals.

UKOPA representatives were involved in early discussions relating to the draft guidelines, and it was the considered view of the Association that the guidelines would impose additional and unjustified levels of bureaucracy when all that is needed is a statement to the effect that pipelines should be routed to a relevant and recognised code.

This remains the view of UKOPA, and we would be grateful if you would bear this view in mind when considering the matter. In this connection I confirm that UKOPA would be happy to meet to discuss the matter if you feel this would be beneficial.

Yours Sincerely

Phill Jones.

Secretary to UKOPA.