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to the
Board of Directors
Pipeline Open Data Standard Association

Gentlemen:

For the last eight years the Integrity Management and Systems Operations Technical Advisory Committee of GRI (IM&SO) has been working to establish a true standard and supporting users group for the fundamental design of pipeline data bases. The partnership with MJ Harden has been beneficial in spreading the ISAT® design and many gas transmission pipeline operators have adopted ISAT in their custom implementations of MJ Harden's PipeView and associated software applications.

In the mean time the original ISAT data design has evolved and been expanded with GTI, individual service providers, and pipeline companies under the Pipeline Open Data Design Standard (PODS®). The GTI/PRCI Design, Construction, and Operations Supervisory C ommittee (contains the old IM&SO) and these individuals have pooled their intellect, experience and generated an expanded pipeline data design. This users group has grown into a real organization, the PODS Association. There is now a PODS Board, made up of volunteers from the service providers and individual pipeline companies, and it has been functioning for most of last year. New pipelines, service providers and data vendors are continuing to join and work to grow this volunteer organization.

I would like to officially ask the Board to accept stewardship of GRI's intellectual property (IP) found in the ISAT and PODS work efforts and reports. ISAT must be a non-exclusive license while PODS is an exclusive license. In addition, GTI conveys exclusive permission to own and administer the PODS.ORG website, permission to use the associated registered names ISAT and PODS, and full copy write permission to use any of the contents of their associated GRI reports. The PODS website provides the best summary of the standard, the membership and the Association activities. These items will provide a solid foundation for future growth.

This letter therefore conveys the ISAT and PODS IP to the stewardship of the Board of Directors of the PODS Association as presented by GTI at the PODS Association meeting on March 7th in Houston. The transfer of GRI's intellectual property is subject to the normal GRI conditions. First the PODS Association must demonstrate it continues to grow in membership (especially pipelines) and in standards generating activities for-the next five consecutive years. Second sufficient documentation such as the annual report with an audit must be conveyed under a covering letter to GTI. This information package will allow GTI to judge that here has indeed been continued growth progress towards an international standard. If everything is acceptable to GTI over the intervening five years, the PODS Association would receive the exclusive rights to these GTI properties for life and without fee. If there is a significant lack of progress towards developing a standard such as would occur on dissolution of the PODS Association or other irregularities, a solution will be negotiated. However if there is no resolution after an elapsed time interval of 12 months from GTI's letter of non performance, all these rights and privileges will revert back to GTI.

Good luck and much success,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Leewis", written over a white background.

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