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Subject: Florida Gas Transmission Discussion with the Company

Todd,
I spoke to Janice Taylor [(407) 838-7057], the Senior Environmental Engineer at Energy Transfer, the operator of the compression station. I called her at 1:11 pm on August 4, 2020. When asked about the venting incident at the Brooker facility in May, she stated that the shutdown of the Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) Brooker facility occurred due to a leak in the RICE engine compressor room. An operator noticed a leak but could not determine where it was coming from so he did an emergency shut down (ESD). For the ESD, he had to vent the gas out of the compressor station for safety concerns and to protect the equipment. This was an unanticipated shut down and not a maintenance event that would have been planned. This also involved the RICE engines, not the turbine, as mentioned in other reports. Ms. Taylor stated that she did not have any idea on how much natural gas was vented. The shut down only involved the compressor station and not the pipeline. The compressor station was shut off from the pipeline but the compression needs were made up by the other compressor stations once the pipeline had to bypass the Brooker facility. The problem was a leaking release valve from the RICE engine room and the release valve was reset. Ms. Taylor stated that, with natural gas/methane, there are no regulatory reporting requirements. I thanked her for her time and the information and I left my cell phone number. I also told her that I would follow up with an email with my EPA information and she could contact me if she had any questions. I also told her that I may call her again if I had any additional questions. We ended that call at 1:25 pm.

Sincerely,
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