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Good afternoon, Trey!

Thank you for your discussions with me on your questions. CenterPoint should have reported the number of customers suitable for a manual shut-off valve in 2022 as: 259,190. In addition, for footnote 5, the final sentence (same page) should read:

For purposes of this filing, the Company reports a customer as suitable for a manual shut-off valve if they do not meet the requirements of 49 CFR § 192.383, and accordingly are not classified as suitable for an EFV. However, there are many customers that are not suitable for either an EFV or a manual shut-off valve, such as, for example, customers on low pressure lines. The Company estimates the number of customers that are actually suitable for a manual shut-off valve to be less than ~~33,769~~ 53,708.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please let me know.



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Hello Emily and Seth!

I had a quick question regarding the manual shut-off valve data provided by CenterPoint in its 2022 Gas Service Quality Report.

When reporting on the number of customers suitable for manual shut-off valves, CenterPoint reported that just 53,708 customers were suitable for a manual shut-off valve in 2022 compared to 269,400 in 2021. This resulted in the percentage of suitable customers with manual shut-off valves jumping from 0.08% in 2021 to 5.0% in 2022.

Could you explain what caused the drop in customers suitable for manual shut-off valves between 2021 and 2022?

Please note, I plan to file your response in the docket as a permissible ex parte communication.

Best,

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