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Ms. Herdes is a highly accomplished energy lawyer focused on providing timely and actionable advice to oil and natural gas pipeline operators and utility companies. Skilled in regulatory compliance, pipeline safety, pipeline construction, and risk assessment, she excels in leading multi-functional teams to conduct focused internal reviews and provide insightful advice to enhance an organization's safety culture. She has a reputation for effective and insightful representation of clients with matters before federal and state agencies including US Department of Justice (DOJ), US Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

Summary of Experiences

Utilizing nearly 20 years of experience as a pipeline lawyer, Ms. Herdes assists organizations with a wide variety of matters related to pipeline operations, maintenance, integrity and risk management matters. Significant experiences include:

- Assisting one of the largest utility companies in the country enhance its safety cultures by providing advice on a wide variety of issues related to state and federal regulation pertaining to design, operations, maintenance, and pipeline integrity risk management.
- Serving as lead attorney for crisis response and crisis management in a North American natural gas pipeline network with assets (net of debt) valued at over \$30 billion, including all aspects of responding and investigating significant natural gas pipeline ruptures.
- Facilitating an internal company review of complex PHMSA jurisdictional issues involving refineries, breakout tanks, dock facilities, and hazardous liquids pipelines.
- Providing advice to a Board of Directors for a Texas midstream company to validate internal risk assessments and allocation of resources following a series of personnel safety issues and upset conditions.
- Supporting a major utility company's rate case team by drafting testimony and supporting materials for a "risk-based" rate case to demonstrate need for a rate increase to enhance pipeline safety.

Past Work Affiliations: Greenberg Traurig, LP (2014-17); El Paso Corporation (1997-2012); Uniplex Software (92-97); IBM Germany (90-91); US Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs (88-89); A&S (84-87).

Education: Juris Doctorate, Pepperdine School of Law, Malibu, California, graduated cum laude, 1984 Bachelor of Science, California State University at Long Beach, graduated with distinction, 1979.

Law Licenses: State of California, California License No. 116910 (1984); State of Colorado, Colorado License No. 28131 (1997); State of Texas (1992; currently inactive).