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**Ref: Special Permit Renewal March 19, 2015 to March 19, 2020**

**PHMSA-2009-0319**

Dear Mr. Checketts:

By letter dated July 30, 2014, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) notified the Kern River Gas Transmission Company (Kern River) that the special permit granted to Kern River on March 19, 2010, for the 12-inch Centennial Lateral in Las Vegas, Nevada, would expire on March 19, 2015, unless renewed. This special permit allows the non-odorization of natural gas in a pipeline that is normally required to be odorized in accordance with 49 CFR § 192.625(b).

By letter dated August 28, 2014, and supplemented by additional correspondence, Kern River applied for the renewal of the special permit, PHMSA-2009-0319, and provided operational documentation to justify the special permit renewal. On November 4, 2014, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice announcing the renewal request (79 FR 65477). No public comments were received. The special permit renewal request letter and all other pertinent documents are available for review in Docket No. PHMSA-2009-0319 in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) located at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov).

PHMSA reviewed all operational and maintenance data submitted by Kern River for the 12-inch Centennial Lateral special permit. PHMSA finds that Kern River continues to meet the terms of the special permit and there has been no material change in conditions. Based on the information provided by Kern River, PHMSA has determined that renewal of the special permit would not be inconsistent with pipeline safety.

**Accordingly, by this Order, and as described in the original special permit, PHMSA grants the Kern River Gas Transmission Company a special permit renewal for PHMSA-2009-0319, to operate from March 19, 2015, through March 19, 2020, for the Kern River 12-inch Centennial Lateral facilities located in the city of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada. This special permit renewal Order waives compliance with certain Federal regulations in 49 CFR § 192.625(b), for the Kern River 12-inch Centennial Lateral.**

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My staff would be pleased to discuss this special permit or any other regulatory matter with you. Mr. Chris Hoidal, Director, PHMSA, OPS, Western Region, may be contacted at 720-963-3160, for operational matters specific to the renewal of this special permit. Mr. John Gale, Director of Standards and Rulemaking Division, may be contacted at 202-366-0434 for regulatory matters and Mr. Ken Lee, Director of Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2694, for technical matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Wiese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a distinct "Wiese" following.

Jeffrey D. Wiese  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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