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Mr. Tony Rizk
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Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0040

Dear Mr. Rizk:

On March 17, 2020, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (GSPC) applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit to waive § 192.14(a). Section 192.14(a) requires a hydrostatic pressure test when converting an existing pipeline not subject to 49 CFR Part 192 to gas service. The special permit request is for approximately 57.7 miles of the 16-inch diameter Index 818-9 Pipeline (Pipeline). GSPC requested to waive the required hydrostatic pressure test on the Pipeline for conversion to gas service, and instead implement alternative integrity management safety measures on the Pipeline.

GSPC will convert the Pipeline from carbon dioxide service to natural gas transmission service. The Pipeline, located in Jasper, Clarke, Lauderdale, and Kemper Counties, Mississippi, was pressure tested in 2013 to 49 CFR Part 195 requirements.

On June 2, 2020, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (85 FR 33790), announcing the special permit request. The Special Permit Request letter, Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Special Permit Analysis and Findings (SPAF), and all other pertinent documents for this special permit are available in Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0040 in the Federal Docket Management System located at www.regulations.gov.

PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by GSPC and the findings set forth in the SPAF, FEA and FONSI. This special permit provides relief from the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations for the Pipeline and requires GSPC to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety as defined in the special permit.

My staff would be pleased to discuss this special permit or any other regulatory matter with you. Senth White, Director of PHMSA Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2415, on technical matters; and Allan Beshore, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Central Region, may be contacted at 816-329-3811, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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