



**U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

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Mr. Thomas V. Wooden, Jr.  
Vice President, GTM Engineering and Asset Management  
Enbridge, Inc.  
5400 Westheimer Court  
Houston, TX 77056

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0257  
Special Permit Renewal from October 28, 2020 to October 28, 2030**

Dear Mr. Wooden:

On March 11, 2020, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, the Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (TETLP) applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for the renewal of the special permit, PHMSA-2008-0257, originally issued on October 28, 2010 and renewed on February 11, 2016. The special permit waives compliance with 49 CFR §§ 192.112(a)(1), 192.112(c)(1), 192.112(c)(2)(i, ii, and iii), 192.112(d)(2)(i), 192.112(f)(1), 192.620(d)(5)(iii), and 192.620(d)(11)(ii)(A) and allows an alternative maximum allowable operating pressure (alternative MAOP) of 1,112 pounds per square inch gauge (psig).

The special permit renewal will allow the continued use of an alternative MAOP for the 36-inch diameter pipeline system based upon a design factor for the pipe steel of 80 percent of the specified minimum yield strength (SMYS) in Class 1 locations, 67 percent of the SMYS in Class 2 locations, and 56 percent of the SMYS in Class 3 locations. The special permit renewal applies to 267.48 miles, with the special permit segments consisting of 97.94 miles of 36-inch diameter Line 1 and 169.54 miles of 36-inch diameter Line 2. The special permit segments are in Fayette, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, York, and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania.

On May 19, 2020, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (85 FR 30019) announcing the special permit renewal request. PHMSA did not receive any public comments during the 30-day comment period. The special permit renewal request letter and all other pertinent documents are

available for review in Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0257 in the Federal Docket Management System located at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

PHMSA reviewed all operational and maintenance data submitted by TETLP for the special permit segments. PHMSA finds that there has been no material change in conditions and that TETLP continues to meet the terms of the special permit. Based on the information provided by TETLP, PHMSA has determined that renewal of the special permit would not be inconsistent with pipeline safety. Furthermore, PHMSA is modifying the special permit renewal timing interval from 5 years to 10 years in Limitation 7. The modifications to Limitation 7 are *italicized* and underlined below.

**Limitation 7:** PHMSA grants this special permit for a period of no more than *ten (10)* years from the grant date. If TETLP elects to seek renewal of this special permit, a renewal request must be submitted at least 180 days prior to expiration of the *ten-year* period, to the PHMSA Associate Administrator, with copies to the Director, Division of Engineering and *Research*, and Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, *Southwest* Region. PHMSA may seek additional information from TETLP prior to granting a request for special permit renewal.

**Accordingly, pursuant to 49 CFR § 190.341, by this Order, and as outlined in the existing special permit, PHMSA grants the renewal of Special Permit PHMSA-2008-0257, from October 28, 2020, through October 28, 2030, to TETLP to continue its operation of 97.94 miles of 36-inch diameter Line 1 and 169.54 miles of 36-inch diameter Line 2 located in Fayette, Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, York, and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania. This special permit renewal Order continues to waive compliance with certain Federal regulations in 49 CFR §§ 192.112(a)(1), 192.112(c)(1), 192.112(c)(2)(i, ii, and iii), 192.112(d)(2)(i), 192.112(f)(1), 192.620(d)(5)(iii), and 192.620(d)(11)(ii)(A).**

My staff would be pleased to discuss this special permit or any other regulatory matter with you. Senth White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2415, for technical matters; and Mary McDaniel, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Southwest Region may be contacted at 713-272-2847, for operational matters specific to the renewal of this special permit.

Sincerely,

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Alan K. Mayberry,  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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