



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

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July 21, 2021

Mr. Stanley Chapman  
Executive VP and President of U.S. Natural Gas Pipelines  
TC Energy  
700 Louisiana St., Suite 300  
Houston, Texas 77002

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0066  
Special Permit Renewal from July 21, 2021 to July 21, 2031**

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On September 4, 2019, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (CGT)<sup>1</sup> applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit. CGT requested a renewal of a previously granted special permit to waive compliance with 49 CFR § 192.611 for a Class 1 to Class 3 or Class 2 to Class 3 location change of approximately 27.66 miles of the 30-inch and 36-inch diameter Mainline 100, Mainline 200, and Mainline 300 Pipelines (Pipelines) located in Williamson, Davidson, Trousdale, and Wilson Counties, Tennessee. A gas transmission pipeline operator is required by 49 CFR § 192.611 to confirm or revise the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of a pipeline segment where the class location has changed as defined in 49 CFR § 192.5.

On October 30, 2020, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (85 FR 68953) 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-2008-0066 in the Federal Docket Management System located at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> CGT is a subsidiary of TC Energy.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2008-0066>.

PHMSA received one (1) public comment<sup>3</sup> (anonymous) submitted on October 30, 2020, which expressed opposition to the oil and gas industry and its political influence. The commenter also warned about the impacts of climate change and advocated for the utilization of renewable energy.

PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by CGT and the findings set forth in the SPAF, FEA, and FONSI. This special permit provides relief from the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations for the Pipelines and requires CGT to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety as defined in the special permit. If CGT elects not to implement the special permit conditions, CGT must notify PHMSA and comply with 49 CFR § 192.611 within 18 months of the special permit grant date.

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 Robert Burrough, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Eastern Region, may be contacted at 609-771-7813, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit – PHMSA-2008-0066

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.regulations.gov/comment/PHMSA-2008-0066-0019>.