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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
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Administration**

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Mr. Michael Peikert  
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State of Louisiana  
Department of Natural Resources, Office of Conservation  
617 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**Re.: PHMSA-2016-0081 and Louisiana State Waiver PL Order No. 8379  
Maurepas Pipeline, LLC – Waiver Renewal to December 31, 2026**

Dear Mr. Peikert:

On January 12, 2022, pursuant to 49 United States Code (USC) § 60118(d), the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) received your letter that the Commissioner of Conservation in the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (Commissioner) publicly noticed a State waiver renewal, PL Order No. 8379, on October 21, 2021. The Commissioner granted the waiver renewal on December 20, 2021, to Maurepas Pipeline, LLC, (Maurepas), pending a 60-day review and no objection by PHMSA. The Commissioner originally granted the State waiver, PL Order No. 7620, PHMSA-2016-008, on June 16, 2016, to Maurepas.

The Commissioner issued the State waiver to Maurepas for variance from the cathodic protection (CP) requirements of 49 CFR § 195.563 for the operation of 35.7 miles of 12-inch diameter steel pipeline in St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, to transport vacuum gas oil and connect Motiva's Convent and Norco refineries. The Maurepas pipeline has an external jacket around the pipe that is impervious to moisture and CP.

Pursuant to 49 USC § 60118(d), PHMSA does not object to this waiver renewal dated December 20, 2021, and effective until December 31, 2026, by the Commissioner for the Maurepas 35.7-mile pipeline facility between Motiva's Convent and Norco refineries. I request that a copy of the Commissioner's final waiver to Maurepas be forwarded to PHMSA within 30 days of issuance.

If you wish to discuss this or any other pipeline safety matter, my staff would be pleased to assist you. Please contact Sentho White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, at 202-366-2415, for technical matters.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry,  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety