

U.S. Department of Transportation **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration** 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE Washington, DC 20590

May 19, 2020

Ms. Anne Moore Vice President - Business Functions Gulfstream Management & Operating Services, LLC 2701 North Rocky Point Drive, Suite 1050 Tampa, Florida 33607

Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0105

Dear Ms. Moore:

On October 26, 2018, pursuant to the 49 Code of Federal Regulations § 190.341, the Gulfstream Management & Operating Services, LLC (Gulfstream), applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit. Gulfstream requested to waive compliance with § 192.195(a) for overpressure protection and § 192.619(a) for the operation of the Gulfstream ML 200 Pipeline (Gulfstream Pipeline) at Mile Post 58.7 in the Gulf of Mexico, Viosca Knoll, Block 82. This special permit would allow utilization of a pressure gradient to control pipeline pressure for maintaining the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) on the Gulfstream Pipeline. The Gulfstream Pipeline is 427.8 miles of 36-inch diameter natural gas pipeline routed from Coden, Mobile County, Alabama across the Gulf of Mexico to Palmetto, Manatee County, Florida.

On July 29, 2019, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (84 FR 36657) 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, and all other pertinent documents for this special permit are available for review in Docket No. PHMSA-2018-0105 in the Federal Docket Management System located at <u>www.regulations.gov</u>.

PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by Gulfstream and the findings set forth in the Special Permit Analysis and Findings, FEA, and FONSI. This special permit provides relief from the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations for the Gulfstream Pipeline and requires Gulfstream to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety for the period as defined in the special permit. My staff would be pleased to discuss this matter or any other regulatory matter with you. Sentho White, Director of PHMSA Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2415, on technical matters; and James Urisko, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Southern Region, may be contacted at 404-832-1150, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

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Alan K. Mayberry Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit – PHMSA-2018-0105