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**Pipeline and Hazardous
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Administration**

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Mr. Dave W. Shellhouse
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Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC
2405 Lucien Way, Suite 200
Maitland, Florida 32751

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2020-0044
Special Permit from March 25, 2022 to March 25, 2032**

Dear Mr. Shellhouse:

On February 21, 2020, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT)¹ applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit. FGT requested a special permit to waive compliance with 49 CFR § 192.611(a)(3)(iii) for Class 1 to Class 3 or Class 2 to Class 3 location changes of approximately 1.405 miles of the 18-inch diameter St. Petersburg Sarasota Connector, 30-inch diameter West Leg Station 26-27, and 36-inch diameter West Leg Loop Pipelines (Pipelines). The Pipelines are located in Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, and Pasco Counties, Florida. A gas transmission pipeline operator is required by 49 CFR § 192.611 to confirm or revise the maximum allowable operating pressure of a pipeline segment where the class location has changed as defined in 49 CFR § 192.5.

On June 2, 2020, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (85 FR 33789) 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-2020-0044 in the Federal Docket Management System located at www.regulations.gov.²

¹ Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC is owned by Energy Transfer and Kinder Morgan, Inc.

² <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2020-0044>.

PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by FGT and the findings set forth in the SPAF, FEA, and FONSI. This special permit provides relief from certain provisions of the Federal pipeline safety regulations for the Pipelines and requires FGT to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety as defined in the special permit. If FGT elects not to implement the special permit conditions, FGT 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 Mary McDaniel, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Southwest Region, may be contacted at (713) 272-2847, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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