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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

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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-2019-0201
Special Permit from March 31, 2022 to March 31, 2032**

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On October 15, 2019, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC (CGT)¹ applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit. CGT requested a special permit to waive compliance with 49 CFR §§ 192.611, 192.505(c), and 192.619(a)(2) for Class 1 or Class 2 to Class 3 location changes of approximately 16.812 miles of the 24-inch diameter EL 200, 30-inch diameter EL 400, 30-inch diameter ML 100, 30-inch diameter ML 200, and 36-inch diameter ML 300 Pipelines (Pipelines). The Pipelines are in Lafayette Parish, Louisiana; Alcorn and Union Counties, Mississippi; Macon County, Tennessee; and Carter, Menifee, Montgomery, and Rowan Counties, Kentucky. 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 5, 2020, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (85 FR 62798) 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-2019-0201 in the Federal Docket Management System located at www.regulations.gov.² PHMSA received no comments from the public from the Federal Register notice.

¹ CGT is a subsidiary of TC Energy.

² <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2019-0201>.

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 certain provisions of 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, 192.505(c), and 192.619(a)(2) 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. Sentho 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

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