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Mr. Tony Rizk
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Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0015

Dear Mr. Rizk:

On November 30, 2018, Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (GSPC) wrote to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requesting a special permit to waive compliance from PHMSA's pipeline safety regulation in 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 192.611 for certain portions of the 30-inch diameter Index 330 natural gas transmission pipeline system in St. Mary Parish, Louisiana. The regulation requires confirmation or revision of the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of a pipeline segment where the class location has changed.

PHMSA is granting this special permit (enclosed) for the 30-inch diameter Index 330 Pipeline. This special permit provides relief from the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations for the GSPC special permit segment and requires GSPC to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety. GSPC is approved to operate approximately 0.75 miles of the special permit segment for a Class 1 to 3 location change and the approximately 22.96 miles of special permit inspection area of the 30-inch diameter Index 330 Pipeline at an MAOP of 974 pounds per square inch gauge (psig) by implementing integrity management practices as defined in the special permit conditions until the Class 1 pipe in a Class 3 location is replaced to meet the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611(a). Implementation of the special permit conditions by GSPC will allow a Class 1 to 3 location change without replacement of the existing pipe in the special permit segment.

PHMSA grants this special permit based on the findings set forth in the "Special Permit Analysis and Findings" and "Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact" documents, which can be read in their entirety in Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0015 in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) located on the internet at www.regulations.gov.

My staff would be pleased to discuss this matter or any other regulatory matter with you. Mr. John Gale, Director of Standards and Rulemaking Division may be contacted at 202-366-0434, on regulatory matters, and Ms. Senth White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2415, on technical matters specific to this special permit grant.

Sincerely,



Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit – PHMSA-2019-0015

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