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**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Mr. Gregory P. Bilinski
Group Vice President
Texas Eastern Transmission, LP
5400 Westheimer Court
Houston, TX 77056-5310

Docket No. PHMSA-2007-27122

Dear Mr. Bilinski:

On September 29, 2008, you wrote to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requesting a special permit to waive compliance from PHMSA's pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR § 192.611, for one segment of the Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (TETLP) natural gas transmission pipeline system located in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. 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), which allows TETLP to operate the 24-inch Line 12 pipeline in Westmoreland County, PA at the current MAOP of 1050 pounds per square inch gauge (psig). This special permit has conditions and limitations, and provides some relief from the Federal pipeline safety regulations for the 24-inch Line 12 pipeline while ensuring that pipeline safety is not compromised.

My staff would be pleased to discuss this special permit or any other regulatory matter with you. John Gale, Director of Regulations (202-366-0434), may be contacted on regulatory matters and Alan Mayberry, Director of Engineering and Emergency Support (202-366-5124), may be contacted on technical matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Wiese
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit