



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

April 11, 2022

Mr. Kenneth W. Grubb  
Chief Operating Officer  
Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Division  
1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000  
Houston, Texas 77002

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2016-0159  
Special Permit from April 11, 2022 to April 11, 2032**

Dear Mr. Grubb:

On December 8, 2016, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Southern Natural Gas Company, LLC (SNG)<sup>1</sup> applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit. SNG requested a special permit to waive compliance with 49 CFR §§ 192.611(a) and (d), and 192.619(a) for Class 1 to Class 3 location changes for approximately 0.089 miles of a 26-inch diameter gas transmission pipeline (Pipeline) located in Saint Tammany Parish, Louisiana. 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 May 5, 2017, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (82 FR 21298) 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-2016-0159 in the Federal Docket Management System located at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).<sup>2</sup>

PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by SNG 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 Pipeline and requires SNG to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety as defined in

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<sup>1</sup> SNG is owned by Kinder Morgan, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2016-0159>.

the special permit. If SNG elects not to implement the special permit conditions, SNG 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 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,

Alan K. Mayberry  
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

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