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**Pipeline and Hazardous
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Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Mr. Matt Parks
Vice President
Technical and Operational Services US Gas
TC Energy
700 Louisiana Street, Suite 300
Houston, Texas 77002

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2006-24058
Special Permit Renewal from May 22, 2023, to May 22, 2033**

Dear Mr. Parks:

On November 30, 2022, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS)¹ applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a renewal and revision to its existing special permit. PNGTS requested a renewal of a previously granted 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 two (2) existing segments and revision to include two (2) new segments for approximately 1.876 miles of 24-inch diameter gas transmission pipeline (Pipeline) located in New Hampshire and Maine. 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 December 29, 2022, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (87 FR 80258) 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-2006-24058 in the Federal Docket Management System located at www.regulations.gov.² PHMSA has not received any public comments on CGT's special permit request.

¹ Portland Natural Gas Transmission System is owned by TC Energy.

² <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2006-24058>.

Subject to the stated terms and conditions, PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by PNGTS 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 PNGTS to comply with conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety as defined in the special permit. In accordance with 49 CFR § 190.341(j), PHMSA reserves the right to revoke, suspend, or modify this special permit if circumstances occur in which its continuance would be inconsistent with pipeline safety. If PNGTS elects not to implement the special permit conditions, PNGTS must notify PHMSA within 60 days and comply with 49 CFR § 192.611(a) within 18 months of the date of this letter granting the special permit.

My staff would be pleased to discuss this special permit or any other regulatory matter with you. Mary McDaniel, Acting Director of PHMSA Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at (713) 272-2847, on technical matters; and Rob Burrough, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Eastern Region, may be contacted at (609) 771-7809, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit – PHMSA-2006-24058