



U.S. Department
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**Pipeline and Hazardous
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Administration**

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Mr. Stanley Chapman
Executive VP and President of U.S. Natural Gas Pipelines
TC Energy
700 Louisiana Street, Suite 300
Houston, Texas 77002

**Re: Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0201
Special Permit from May 22, 2023 to May 22, 2033**

Dear Mr. Chapman:

On June 22, 2022, 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 revision to its existing special permit. CGT requested to amend the previously granted special permit at Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0201, to waive compliance with 49 CFR §§ 192.611, 192.505(c), and 192.619(a)(2) for Class 1 to Class 3 location changes for an additional 0.721 miles of the 24-inch diameter and 30-inch diameter gas transmission pipelines (Pipelines) located in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana and Rowan County, Kentucky. 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 August 17, 2022, PHMSA published a Federal Register notice (87 FR 50692) announcing the Special Permit Amendment 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 has not received any public comments on CGT's special permit amendment request.

¹ Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC is a subsidiary of TC Energy.

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

Subject to the stated terms and conditions, PHMSA grants the amendment to the special permit (enclosed) issued on March 31, 2022, 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 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 CGT elects not to implement the special permit conditions for the segments identified in the special permit amendment, CGT must notify PHMSA within 60 days and comply with 49 CFR §§ 192.611, 192.505(c), and 192.619(a)(2) within 18 months of the date of this letter granting the special permit amendment.

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) 235-0035, on technical matters; and Robert Burrough, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Eastern Region may be contacted at (609) 771-7809, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

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