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**Re: Docket Nos. PHMSA-2020-0001 and PHMSA-2023-0020
Special Permit from June 24, 2022, to March 31, 2032**

Dear Mr. Shellhouse:

On March 24, 2023, pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.341, Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) ¹ applied to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for a special permit (PHMSA 2023-0020) and a special permit segment extension for an existing special permit (PHMSA-2020-0001). FGT requested the 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 and an extension of an existing special permit segment. The class location changes includes six (6) pipeline segments consisting of approximately 0.098 miles (515 feet) of 26-inch diameter and approximately 1.849 miles (9,764 feet) of 30-inch diameter gas transmission pipeline (Pipeline) located in Lake, Orange, and Osceola Counties, Florida.² 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 April 20, 2023, and May 31, 2023, PHMSA published Federal Register notices (88 FR 24464 for Docket PHMSA-2023-0020 and 88 FR 34927 for Docket PHMSA-2020-0001) announcing the Special Permit Request for the five (5) special permit segments and one (1) special permit segment extension. The special permit conditions for Dockets PHMSA-2023-0020 and PHMSA-2020-0001 are being combined going forward into a single docket at Docket PHMSA-

¹ Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC is owned by Energy Transfer and Kinder Morgan, Inc.

² The new pipeline segments are special permit segments 189579, 202967, 187434, 187440, and 202974 and total 9,824 feet in length. The extended special permit segment is special permit segment 16857 extension and total 455 feet in length.

2020-0001. The combination of the dockets is due to the special permit requests being in the same pipeline special permit inspection areas along the Pipeline.

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 both Docket Nos. PHMSA-2020-0001 and PHMSA-2023-0020 in the Federal Docket Management System located at www.regulations.gov.³

Subject to the stated terms and conditions, PHMSA grants this special permit (enclosed) based on the information provided by FGT 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 FGT to comply with conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety as defined in the special permit. Note that 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 FGT elects not to implement the special permit conditions, FGT must notify PHMSA within 60 days and comply with 49 CFR § 192.611(a) within 18 months of the date of this letter.

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 Bryan Lethcoe, Director, Office of Pipeline Safety, Southwest Region, may be contacted at (713) 773-7215, for operational matters specific to this special permit.

Sincerely,

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures: Special Permit – PHMSA-2020-0001 – Combined w/PHMSA-2023-0020

³ <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=PHMSA-2020-0001>.
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