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**Pipeline and Hazardous  
Materials Safety  
Administration**

Mr. Frank T. Richards, P.E.  
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**Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0045**

Dear Mr. Richards:

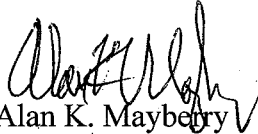
On April 14, 2017, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) requested the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to issue a special permit to waive compliance from 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 192.197(a)(4) for the Alaska LNG Pipeline. The Alaska LNG Pipeline is an 807-mile 42-inch diameter natural gas transmission pipeline that AGDC has proposed to build extending from the AGDC's proposed Gas Treatment Plant (GTP) on the North Slope of Alaska to the Liquefaction Facility on the shore of the Cook Inlet near Nikiski, Alaska, including an offshore pipeline section crossing the Cook Inlet.

PHMSA is granting this special permit (enclosed) for the 42-inch diameter Alaska LNG Pipeline. This special permit provides relief from the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations for the AGDC special permit segments and requires ADGC to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety. AGDC is authorized to design, construct, and operate the Alaska LNG pipeline with mainline block valve spacing of up to 50 miles in the very sparsely populated region north of Fairbanks borough in Alaska, and up to 30 miles spacing south of Fairbanks in Class 1 locations. Section 192.179(a)(4) requires a maximum Class 1 location valve spacing of 20-miles.

PHMSA grants this special permit based on the findings set forth in the "Special Permit Analysis and Findings" and the "Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact" documents, which can be read in their entirety in Docket No. PHMSA-2017-0045 in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) located at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

My staff would be pleased to discuss this matter or any other regulatory matter with you. John Gale, Director of Standards and Rulemaking Division may be contacted at 202-366-0434, on regulatory matters, and Senth White, Director of Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-493-2415, on technical matters specific to this special permit grant.

Sincerely,



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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit – PHMSA-2017-0045

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