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Mr. Tony Rizk
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**Docket No. PHMSA-2007-0039**

Dear Mr. Rizk:

On December 28, 2017, Gulf South Pipeline Company (Gulf South) wrote to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) requesting a special permit extension to waive compliance from PHMSA's pipeline safety regulation in 49 CFR 192.611(a) for certain portions of the 30-inch TPL-880 natural gas transmission pipeline system in Mobile, County, Alabama. The regulation requires confirmation or revision of the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of a pipeline segment where the class location has changed.

The original special permit (Docket No. PHMSA-2007-0039) was granted on February 27, 2009, and special permit segment extensions were granted on June 30, 2010, April 16, 2013, and June 17, 2014, as follows:

**Original *special permit segments* issued on February 27, 2009**:

- ***Special permit segment 1*** - TPL-880 - 3362 feet, Survey Station 1168+87 to Survey Station 1199+75. The survey station distance difference of 273 feet is due to a field survey equation.
- ***Special permit segment 2*** - TPL-880 - 301 feet, Survey Station 674+46 to Survey Station 677+47.
- ***Special permit segment 3*** - TPL-880 - 46 feet, Survey Station 699+77 to Survey Station 700+23.

**Modifications on June 30, 2010 extended special permit segment 1**:

- ***Special permit segment 1*** - TPL-880 - Total 3389 feet, 9 feet, Survey Station 1168+78 to Survey Station 1168+87 and 8 feet, Survey Station 1199+75 to Survey Station 1199+83.

**Modifications on April 16, 2013 and June 17, 2014 extended *special permit segment 3***:

- ***Special permit segment 3*** - TPL-880 - 135 feet, Survey Station 700+23 to Survey Station 701+58.
- ***Special permit segment 3*** - TPL-880 - 309 feet, Survey Station 701+58 to Survey Station 704+67.

**A modification request was submitted on December 28, 2017, for issuance of a combined *special permit segment* and granted by this special permit modification**:

- The TPL-880 pipeline combined ***special permit segment***, which includes ***special permit segments 1 through 3*** above, will extend approximately 11.45 miles (60,496 feet). The new combined TPL-880 ***special permit segment*** extends from TPL-880 Survey Station 632+60 to Survey Station 1201+68 in Mobile County, Alabama.

PHMSA is granting this special permit (enclosed) which will allow Gulf South to continue to operate segments of the TPL-880 pipeline at its current MAOP by implementing integrity management practices as defined in the special permit conditions until the pipe is replaced. This special permit provides relief from the Federal pipeline safety regulations for the Gulf South ***special permit segment*** and requires Gulf South to comply with certain conditions and limitations designed to maintain pipeline safety.

PHMSA grants this special permit based on the findings set forth in the "Special Permit Analysis and Findings" document, which can be read in its entirety in Docket No. PHMSA-2007-0039 in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) located on the internet at 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 Kenneth Lee, Director of Engineering and Research Division, may be contacted at 202-366-2694, on technical matters specific to this special permit application.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Enclosure: Special Permit – PHMSA-2007-0039

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