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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0174]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comments on a request for a special permit from Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP. The special permit request seeks relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for the specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.
- Fax: 1-202-493-2251.
- Mail: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- Hand Delivery: Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

Note: There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

Confidential Business Information: Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential”; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the

original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA PHP-80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or by e-mail at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PHMSA received a special permit request from Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (GSPC), a subsidiary of Boardwalk Pipeline Partners, LP, to deviate from 49 CFR § 192.625(b) to apply alternative risk control measures to the length of the Index 129-72 Pipeline in lieu of odorization. The Federal pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR § 192.625(b) requires a gas transmission pipeline to be odorized when 50 percent of the downstream mileage is in a Class 3 or a Class 4 location. The proposed special permit would allow the Index 129-72 Pipeline to operate without odorization. The GSPC Index 129-72 Pipeline is a 30-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipeline, 1.31 miles in length, and is located in Fort Bend County, Texas. The maximum allowable operating pressure for the Index 129-72 Pipeline is 1,100 pounds per square inch gauge. GSPC would like to be able to flow gas bi-directionally between the Katy Storage Facility and the mainline Index 129 Pipeline. The direction of gas flow at any given time will be

determined based on whether GSPC's customers are transporting gas into or out of the Katy Storage Facility.

The request, proposed special permit with conditions, and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the GSPC Index 129-72 Pipeline are available for review and public comments in the Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0174. We invite interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit request and DEA in the docket. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result, if the special permit is granted.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated, if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment we receive in making our decision to grant or deny this request.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 9, 2019, under authority delegated in 49 CFR § 1.97.

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Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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