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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permits

[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0080] Williams—
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company
[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0081] Williams—
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company
[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0082] Williams—
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company
[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0083] Williams—
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company
[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0084] Williams—
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company
[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0085] Williams—
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company
[Docket No. PHMSA-2019-0142] Williams—
Northwest Pipeline Company

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comment on several requests for special permit from Williams—Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company (Transco) and Williams—Northwest Pipeline Company (Northwest), seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations. After 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 requests.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding these special permit requests by December 19, 2019.

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

- *E-Gov Website:* <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 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>.

Privacy Act: 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 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 “PROPIN” or “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 Ms. Kay McIver at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, E24-443, Washington, DC 20590, or emailed to her at kay.mciver@dot.gov. 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 email at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at 713-272-2855, or by email at steve.nanney@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA received six (6) special permit requests from the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Transco, and one (1) special permit request from Northwest. Transco and Northwest are subsidiaries of the Williams Company. Transco and Northwest operate interstate gas transmission pipelines and both are seeking waivers from 49 CFR 192.611 for segments where the class location has changed from a Class 1 to a Class 3 location.

The requests, proposed special permits with conditions, and Draft Environmental Assessments (DEAs) for the Transco and Northwest pipelines are available for public view and comments in the respective dockets at <http://www.Regulations.gov>. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing the special permit requests and DEAs at <https://www.Regulations.gov>, and by submitting written comments, data, or other views. Please include any comments on potential safety and environmental impacts that may result if the special permit is granted.

Details of the six (6) Transco and one (1) Northwest requested special permits are as follows:

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA–2019–0080	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Transco a special permit to waive compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611 “Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure”. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for three (3) special permit segments of 0.19 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline located on Mainline “A” in Guilford County, North Carolina, where the class location has changed from Class 1 to Class 3 location in 2017. Mainline “A” is a 1,750-mile interstate pipeline in the 10,500-mile Transco system that begins in Texas and runs northeast along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains to the New York City metropolitan area. Mainline “A” was installed in 1950 and transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico and the Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to population centers, industrial customers, and other pipelines. Transco operates the Mainline “A” proposed special permit segments in the Guilford County, North Carolina area at a maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 780 pounds per square inch gauge (psig).
PHMSA–2019–0081	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Transco a special permit to waive compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611 “Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure”. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for one (1) special permit segment of 0.36 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline located on Mainline “A” in Hartford County, Maryland, where the class location has changed from Class 1 to Class 3 location in 2017. Mainline “A” is a 1,750-mile interstate pipeline in the 10,500-mile Transco system that begins in Texas and runs northeast along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains to New York City metropolitan area. Mainline “A” was installed in 1950 and transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico and the Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to population centers, industrial customers and other pipelines. The MAOP for Mainline “A” in the special permit segment is 780 psig.
PHMSA–2019–0082	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Transco a special permit to waive compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611 “Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure”. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for one (1) special permit segment of 0.35 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline located on Mainline “B” in Hartford County, Maryland, where the class location has changed from Class 1 to Class 3 location in 2017. Mainline “B” is a 1,525-mile interstate pipeline in the 10,500-mile Transco system that begins in Texas and runs northeast along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains to New York City metropolitan area. Mainline “B” was installed in 1955 and transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico and the Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to population centers, industrial customers and other pipelines. The MAOP for Mainline “B” in the special permit segment is 780 psig.
PHMSA–2019–0083	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Transco a special permit to waive compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611 “Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure”. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for one (1) special permit segment where the class location has changed from Class 1 to Class 3 location in 2017, and eleven (11) additional special permit segments that experienced class changes in 2008 and 2015. The total mileage of all special permit segments is 2.36 miles of 30-inch diameter pipeline. These changes are on the pipeline segments located on Mainline “A” in Greenville County, South Carolina. Mainline “A” is a 1,750-mile interstate pipeline in the 10,500-mile Transco system that begins in Texas and runs northeast along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains to New York City metropolitan area. Mainline “A” was installed in 1950 and transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico and the Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to population centers, industrial customers, and other pipelines. The MAOP for Mainline “A” special permit segments are either 780 psig or 650 psig. Transco is proposing to uprate the MAOPs of eleven (11) special permit segments that operate at 650 psig to 780 psig.
PHMSA–2019–0084	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Transco a special permit to waive compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611 “Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure”. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for one (1) special permit segment of pipeline located on Mainline “B” in Greenville County, South Carolina where the class location has changed from Class 1 to Class 3 location in 2017, and twelve (12) additional segments that experienced class changes in 2008 and 2015. The total mileage of all special permit segments is 2.18 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline. Mainline “B” is a 1,525-mile interstate pipeline in the 10,500-mile Transco natural gas system that begins in Texas and runs northeast along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains to New York City metropolitan area. Mainline “B” was installed in 1957 and transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico and the Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to population centers, industrial customers, and other pipelines. The MAOPs for Mainline “B” in the special permit segments are either 780 psig or 704 psig. Transco is proposing to uprate the MAOPs for twelve (12) special permit segments that operate at 704 psig to 780 psig.

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA–2019–0085	Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Transco a special permit to waive compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611 “Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure”. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for two (2) special permit segment of 0.26 miles of 36-inch diameter pipeline located on Mainline “C” in Greenville County, South Carolina, where the class location has changed from Class 1 to Class 3 location in 2017 and 2018. Mainline “C” is a 1,345-mile interstate pipeline in the 10,500-mile Transco system that begins in Texas and runs northeast along the eastern side of the Appalachian Mountains to New York City metropolitan area. Mainline “C” was installed in 1961 and transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico and the Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to population centers, industrial customers, and other pipelines. The MAOP for Mainline “C” in the special permit segment is 780 psig.
PHMSA–2019–0142	Northwest Pipeline Company, LLC (Northwest).	49 CFR 192.611	To authorize Northwest a special permit to waive compliance with the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611 “Change in Class Location: Confirmation or Revision of Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure”. This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for one (1) special permit segment of 0.13 miles of 20-inch diameter pipeline located on the Spokane Lateral in Franklin County, Washington, where the class location has changed from Class 1 to Class 3 location in 2018. The Spokane Lateral is a 165-mile interstate transmission pipeline and transports natural gas from Plymouth, Washington to the Spokane, Washington area. The MAOP for the Spokane Lateral in the special permit segment is 811 psig.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit requests, 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 a request.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment; Comment Request for the IRS Taxpayer Burden Surveys

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning the 2019, 2020, and 2021 IRS Taxpayer Burden Surveys.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 21, 2020 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Philippe Thomas, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6529, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the regulations should be directed to R. Joseph Durbala, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet, at RJoseph.Durbala@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: IRS Taxpayer Burden Surveys.

OMB Number: 1545–2212.

Regulatory Number: N/A.

Abstract: Each year, individual taxpayers in the United States submit more than 140 million tax returns to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS uses the information in these returns, recorded on roughly one hundred distinct forms and supporting schedules, to administer a tax system whose rules span thousands of pages. Managing such a complex and broad-based tax system is costly but represents only a fraction of the total burden of the tax system. Equally, if not more burdensome, is the time and out-of-pocket expenses that taxpayers spend in order to comply with tax laws and regulations.

Changes in tax regulations, tax administration, tax preparation methods, and taxpayer behavior continue to alter the amount and distribution of taxpayer burden. Data from updated surveys will better reflect the current tax rules and regulations, the increased usage of tax preparation software, increased efficiency of such

software, changes in tax preparation regulations, the increased use of electronic filing, the behavioral response of taxpayers to the tax system, the changing use of services, both IRS and external, and related information collection needs.

Current Actions: The IRS will be revising and replacing various surveys. The survey scope is expanded to include burden for surveys associated with all taxpayer segments. This effort represents a continuation of the IRS’s strategy to gather taxpayer burden data for all types of tax returns and information reporting documents in order to support Wage and Investment’s OMB Improvement Strategy to transition burden estimates for all taxpayers to the preferred RAAS burden estimation methodology. These surveys will allow RAAS to update and validate the IRS Taxpayer Burden Model which will be used to provide estimates for consolidated taxpayer segments, like what is currently done for OMB numbers 1545–0074, 1545–0123, and 1545–0047. This form is being submitted for revision purposes.

Data Collections Covered Under This Clearance Request

Individual Taxpayers

2019 Individual Taxpayer Burden Survey (Data collection 6/1/2020–5/31/2021)

2019 Individual Taxpayer Compliance (Post-Filing) Burden Survey (Data collection 3/1/2020–5/31/2021)

2020 Individual Taxpayer Special Study (Data collection 1/1/2020–9/31/2020)

2020 Individual Taxpayer Special Survey (Data collection 10/1/2020–12/31/2020)

2020 Individual Taxpayer Burden Survey (Data collection 6/1/2021–5/31/2022)