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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2019, PHMSA published a Notice of Draft Environmental Assessment for a Special Permit Request for Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail (PHMSA–2019–0100–0002) in the **Federal Register**. PHMSA solicited comment on the draft environmental assessment (EA) for a special permit request from Energy Transport Solutions, LLC. The notice requested comment on potential safety, environmental, and any additional impacts that should be considered as part of the special permit evaluation. See Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0100 for further information on the draft special permit.

The comment period closed on August 7, 2019. PHMSA received approximately 2,985 comments to the docket for the notice. In consideration of the request for special permit and the 2,985 comments received to the notice, PHMSA completed a technical evaluation and a revised EA. For more information on the comments received please see the revised EA, *Section 6 PHMSA's Response to Public Comments*, included in both this docket and the docket for the draft EA and special permit. PHMSA invites public comments relevant to the rulemaking on these materials to be submitted to the rulemaking docket (Docket No. PHMSA–2018–0025).

The special permit—as issued—includes certain operational controls that were not included in the draft special permit, draft EA, and the “Hazardous Materials: Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail” (HM–264) notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). Specifically, paragraph 7.c of the special permit states the following:

7.c. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS:

(1) Each tank car must be operated in accordance with § 173.319 except as specified in paragraph 7.a. above.¹

(2) Shipments are authorized between Wyalusing, PA and Gibbstown, NJ, with no intermediate stops.

(3) Within 90 days after issuance, the grantee shall prepare and submit a plan

providing per shipment quantities, timelines, and other actions to be taken for moving from single car shipments to multi-car shipments, and subsequently to unit trains (20 or more tank cars).

(4) Trains transporting 20 or more tank cars authorized under this special permit must be equipped and operated with a two-way end of train device as defined in 49 CFR 232.5 or distributed power as defined in 49 CFR 229.5.

(5) Prior to the initial shipment of a tank car under this special permit, the grantee must provide training to emergency response agencies that could be affected between the authorized origin and destination. The training shall conform to NFPA–472,² including known hazards in emergencies involving the release of LNG, and emergency response methods to address an incident involving a train transporting LNG.

(6) While in transportation, the grantee must remotely monitor each tank car for pressure, location, and leaks.

These operational controls were added as a result of PHMSA's consideration of the comments received to the draft EA. PHMSA invites comments on these operational controls to be submitted to the rulemaking docket (Docket No. PHMSA–2018–0025). We encourage commenters to provide data on the safety or economic impacts associated with operational controls in the special permit, including analysis of the safety benefits and the potential cost-benefit impact of implementing these or other operational controls.

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William S. Schoonover,

Associate Administrator of Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for Modifications to Special Permits

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

ACTION: List of applications for modification of special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the “Nature of Application” portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donald Burger, Chief, Office of Hazardous Materials Approvals and Permits Division, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4535.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the applications are available for inspection in the Records Center, East Building, PHH–30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue Southeast, Washington DC or at <http://regulations.gov>.

This notice of receipt of applications for special permit is published in accordance with part 107 of the Federal hazardous materials transportation law (49 U.S.C. 5117(b); 49 CFR 1.53(b)).

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Donald P. Burger,

Chief, General Approvals and Permits Branch.

¹ Paragraph 7.a. authorizes DOT–113C120W tank cars for bulk transport of LNG and specifies that each tank car must have a maximum permitted filling density (percent by weight) of 32.5%; a maximum operating pressure of 15 psig when offered for transportation; and remote sensing for detecting and reporting internal pressure, location, and leakage.

² NFPA–472 is a voluntary consensus standard developed by the National Fire Protection Association establishing minimum competencies for responding to hazardous materials emergencies.

Application No.	Applicant	Regulation(s) affected	Nature of the special permits thereof
Special Permits Data			
11827-M	Fujifilm Electronic Materials U.S.A., Inc.	180.605(c)(1), 180.352(b)(3) ...	To modify the special permit to add IMDG language to harmonize international transportation of affected tanks. (modes as authorized by the HMR).
11911-M	Transfer Flow, Inc	177.834(h), 178.700(c)(1)	To modify the special permit to authorize two new fuel cap designs. (mode 1).
14193-M	Honeywell International Inc	172.101(h)	To modify the special permit to authorize additional portable tanks with identical specifications to those already authorized. (modes 1, 2, 3).
14313-M	Airgas USA LLC	172.203(a), 172.301(c), 173.302a(b), 180.205.	To modify the special permit to authorize the use ultrasonic examination (UE) technology to inspect CTC, CRC, BTC, and TC cylinders that have a corresponding DOT specification cylinders as described in the 49 CFR § 171.12 (a)(4) text and table for requalification in lieu of the hydrostatic pressure test and internal visual examination, and to waive the required marking of the cylinders and shipping papers with the special permit number. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5).
15873-M	Jiangxi Oxygen Plant Co., Ltd	178.274(b)(2)	To modify the special permit to authorize lower pressure and greater capacity of the cylinders. (modes 1, 2, 3).
15963-M	Jack Harter Helicopters, Inc	172.101(j), 172.200, 172.204(c)(3), 172.301(c), 173.27(b)(2), 175.30(a)(1), 175.75.	To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazmat and to clarify certain hazard communications, quantity limitations and loading and stowage requirements. (Rotorcraft External Load Operations).
16081-M	Cabela's LLC	178.602(a)	To modify the special permit to authorize additional hazardous materials. (modes 1, 2, 3, 4).
16095-M	Clay and Bailey Manufacturing Company.	172.203(a), 178.345-1, 180.413.	To modify the special permit to authorize new gaskets and testing procedures for manway production. (mode 1).
20524-M	Wilhelm Schmidt GmbH	172.102(c)(4), 178.705(c)(2)(ii)	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional 6.1 hazmat. (modes 1, 2, 3).
20851-M	Call2Recycle, Inc	172.200, 172.600, 172.700(a)	To modify the special permit to authorize an additional outer packaging and to remove the 800 Wh aggregate energy content for a single package. (mode 1).
20904-M	Piston Automotive, LLC	172.101(j)	To modify the special permit to authorize batteries that do not differ from the approved types in the permit even if they have a different part number. (mode 4).

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration****Hazardous Materials: Notice of Applications for New Special Permits**

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

ACTION: List of applications for special permits.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the procedures governing the application for, and the processing of, special permits from the Department of Transportation's Hazardous Material Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety

has received the application described herein. Each mode of transportation for which a particular special permit is requested is indicated by a number in the "Nature of Application" portion of the table below as follows: 1—Motor vehicle, 2—Rail freight, 3—Cargo vessel, 4—Cargo aircraft only, 5—Passenger-carrying aircraft.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 10, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Record Center, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20590.

Comments should refer to the application number and be submitted in triplicate. If confirmation of receipt of comments is desired, include a self-addressed stamped postcard showing the special permit number.

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