

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket ID PHMSA-2007-28505]

**Pipeline Safety: Requests for Special Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal pipeline safety laws allow a pipeline operator to request PHMSA to waive compliance with any part of the Federal pipeline safety regulations. We are publishing this notice to provide a list of requests we have received from pipeline operators seeking relief from compliance with certain pipeline safety regulations. This notice seeks public comment on these requests, including comments on any environmental impacts. In addition, this notice reminds the public that we have changed what we call a decision granting such a request to a special permit. At the conclusion of the comment period, PHMSA will evaluate each request individually to determine whether to grant a special permit or deny the request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding any of these requests for special permit by February 4, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for the 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:* DOT 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 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Lemoi by telephone at (404) 832-1160; or, e-mail at [wayne.lemoi@dot.gov](mailto:wayne.lemoi@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Change in Nomenclature**

PHMSA changed the name of a decision we made granting a request for waiver of compliance from “decision granting waiver” to “special permit” to reflect that granting the request will not reduce safety. We commonly add safety conditions to decisions granting waivers to ensure that waiving compliance with an existing pipeline safety standard is consistent with pipeline safety. The change was simply a name change for a decision granting waiver under 49 U.S.C. 60118(c)(1).

**Comments Invited on Requests for Waiver**

PHMSA has filed in the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) requests for waivers we have received from pipeline operators seeking relief from compliance with certain pipeline safety regulations. Each request has been assigned a separate docket ID in the FDMS. We invite interested persons to participate by reviewing these requests and by submitting written comments, data or other views. Please include any comments on the environmental impacts that granting the requests may have.

Before acting on any request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. We will consider comments received after this date if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. We may grant or deny these requests based on the comments we receive.

PHMSA has received the following requests for waivers of compliance with pipeline safety regulations.

Docket ID	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of waiver
PHMSA-2007-29033	ExxonMobil Pipeline Company.	49 CFR 195.452(h) ...	To allow certain anomalies discovered on the New Iberia to Sunset Pipeline in Louisiana to remain “as-is” by permanently maintaining an operating pressure reduction taken on January 3, 2007. The anomalies were discovered using In-Line Inspection (ILI) tools during Integrity Management Program (IMP) assessments.
PHMSA-2007-29034	ConocoPhillips Pipe Line Company.	49 CFR 195.452(h) ...	To waive repair requirements for one dent located on the top of the BL-01 pipeline from Hardtner, KS to Wichita, KS and for one dent located on the top of the CM-01 pipeline from Kingfisher, OK to Medford, OK. The dents were discovered using ILI tools during IMP assessments.
PHMSA-2007-0038 ..	ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc. (CPAI).	49 CFR 195.583 .....	To waive atmospheric corrosion inspection requirements for certain non-piggable sections of CPAI's above ground pipelines on the North Slope of Alaska.
PHMSA-2007-28994	Gulf South Pipeline Company, L.P.	49 CFR 192.111 .....	To authorize operation of the Southeast Expansion Project, a 110.8-mile gas transmission pipeline, from Harrisville, MS to Choctaw County, AL at a maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) of 80% of the specified minimum yield strength (SMYS).
PHMSA-2007-29078	Kern River Gas Transmission Company.	49 CFR 192.111 .....	To authorize operation of approximately 1,380 miles of the Kern River pipeline system and 300 miles of Common Facilities running from Lincoln County, WY through Utah and into San Bernardino County, CA at an MAOP of 80% SMYS in Class 1 locations, 67% SMYS in Class 2 locations, and 56% SMYS in Class 3 locations and compressor stations.

Docket ID	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of waiver
PHMSA-2007-29032	Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P. (a Spectra Energy Company).	49 CFR 192.611 .....	To authorize operation of 19 pipeline segments at 6 sites along Lines 14, 18, and 31 downstream of the Union Church and Clinton compressor stations in Mississippi without reducing operating pressure as a result of a change from Class 1 to Class 2 locations.
PHMSA-2007-0039 ..	Gulf South Pipeline Company, L.P.	49 CFR 192.611 .....	To authorize operation of 3 pipeline segments on the TPL 880 pipeline in Marion County, AL without reducing operating pressure as a result of a change from Class 1 to Class 3 locations.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 60118(c)(1) and 49 CFR 1.53.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 27, 2007.

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*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Finance Docket No. 35081]

#### Canadian Pacific Railway Company, et al.—Control—Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corp., et al.

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Decision No. 4 in STB Finance Docket No. 35081; Notice of Acceptance of Application; Issuance of Procedural Schedule.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) is accepting for consideration the application filed on December 5, 2007, by Canadian Pacific Railway Corporation (CPRC), Soo Line Holding Company, a Delaware Corporation and indirect subsidiary of CPRC (Soo Holding), Dakota, Minnesota & Eastern Railroad Corporation (DM&E), and Iowa, Chicago & Eastern Railroad Corporation, a wholly owned rail subsidiary of DM&E (IC&E). The application filed on December 5 seeks Board approval under 49 U.S.C. 11321-26 of the acquisition of control of DM&E and IC&E by Soo Holding (and, indirectly, by CPRC). This proposal is referred to as the “transaction,” and CPRC, Soo Holding, DM&E, and IC&E are referred to collectively as “Applicants.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In Decision No. 1 in this proceeding, served September 21, 2007, the Board issued a Protective Order to facilitate the discovery process and establish appropriate procedures for the submission of evidence containing confidential or proprietary information. On October 5, 2007, Applicants submitted an application for the proposed transaction and requested that the Board treat the transaction as a “minor transaction.” In Decision No. 2, served November 2, 2007, and published in the *Federal Register* on November 8, 2007, at 72 FR 63232-63236, the Board found the proposed

The Board finds that the transaction is a “significant transaction” under 49 CFR 1180.2(b), and adopts a procedural schedule for consideration of the application, under which the Board’s final decision would be issued by September 30, 2008.

**DATES:** The effective date of this decision is January 4, 2008. Any person who wishes to participate in this proceeding as a party of record (POR) must file, no later than January 25, 2008, a notice of intent to participate if they have not already done so. Descriptions of anticipated responsive applications (including inconsistent applications) and any petitions for waiver or clarification with respect to such applications are also due by January 25, 2008. Applicants shall file a proposed Safety Integration Plan (SIP) with the Board’s Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) by February 4, 2008. All environmental comments must also be filed by February 4, 2008, addressed to the attention of SEA. All responsive applications, requests for conditions, and any other evidence and argument in opposition to the application, including filings by DOJ and DOT, must be filed by March 4, 2008. Replies to responsive applications, requests for conditions, and other opposition, and rebuttal in support of the application must be filed by April 18, 2008. DOJ and DOT will be allowed to file, on the response due date (here, April 18), their comments in response to the comments of other parties, and Applicants will be allowed to file a response to any such comments filed by DOJ and/or DOT by April 25, 2008. Rebuttals in support of responsive applications, requests for conditions, and other opposition must be filed by May 19, 2008. Final briefs, if any, will

be due by July 2, 2008. If a public hearing or oral argument is held, it will be held on a date to be determined by the Board. The Board will issue its final decision by September 30, 2008. For further information respecting dates, see Appendix A (Procedural Schedule).

**ADDRESSES:** Any filing submitted in this proceeding must be submitted either via the Board’s e-filing format or in the traditional paper format as provided for in the Board’s rules. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions found on the Board’s Web site at <http://www.stb.dot.gov> at the “E-FILING” link. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 paper copies of the filing (and also an electronic version) to: Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each filing in this proceeding must be sent (and may be sent by e-mail only if service by e-mail is acceptable to the recipient) to each of the following: (1) Secretary of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; (2) Attorney General of the United States, c/o Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Room 3109, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; (3) Terence M. Hynes (representing CPRC), Sidley Austin LLP, 1501 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005; (4) William C. Sippel (representing DM&E), Fletcher & Sippel, 29 North Wacker Drive, Suite 920, Chicago, IL 60606; and (5) any other person designated as a POR on the service list notice (as explained below, the service list notice will be issued as soon as practicable).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julia M. Farr, (202) 245-0359. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.]

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CPRC is a Canadian corporation whose stock is publicly held and traded on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges. CPRC and its U.S. rail carrier subsidiaries, Soo Line Railroad Company (Soo) and Delaware and

transaction to be “significant” and considered the October 5 submission as a pre-filing notification, thus allowing Applicants to perfect their application by submitting the difference between the filing fee for a “minor” transaction and “significant” transaction, as well as any supplemental materials or information. On December 5, 2007, applicants submitted the difference in filing fees and other supplemental material. We will refer to the October 5 pre-filing notification, as supplemented on December 5, as “the December 5 application.”

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