

comprehensive reform efforts, the Joint Board issued a recommended decision on November 20, 2007. The Universal Service Joint Board's recommended decision included several recommendations to address the growth in high-cost support and to reform the high-cost mechanisms. Specifically, the Universal Service Joint Board recommended that the Commission should: (1) Deliver high-cost support through a provider of last resort fund, a mobility fund, and a broadband fund; (2) cap the high-cost fund at \$4.5 billion, the approximate level of 2007 high-cost support; (3) reduce the existing funding mechanisms during a transition period; (4) add broadband and mobility to the list of services eligible for support under section 254 of the Act; (5) eliminate the identical support rule; and (6) "explore the most appropriate auction mechanisms to determine high-cost universal service support."

36. On January 29, 2008, the Commission released the *Joint Board Comprehensive Reform NPRM*, seeking comment on the *Joint Board's Comprehensive Reform Recommended Decision*. Pursuant to section 254(a)(2), the Commission "shall complete any proceeding to implement subsequent recommendations from any Joint Board on universal service within one year after receiving such recommendations."

#### B. Discussion

37. We have carefully reviewed the Joint Board's *Comprehensive Reform Recommended Decision* and the comments that were filed in response to the Commission's *Joint Board Comprehensive Reform NPRM*. We thank the Joint Board and its staff for their hard work in studying these difficult issues and in developing their recommendations. We choose not to implement these recommendations at this time, however.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 192

[Docket No. PHMSA-2005-23447]

RIN 2137-AE25

#### Pipeline Safety: Standards for Increasing the Maximum Allowable Operating Pressure for Gas Transmission Pipelines

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT)

**ACTION:** Stay of final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice stays the effective date of a final rule published October 17, 2008 (73 FR 62148). In accordance with the Congressional Review Act, the final rule will be effective on December 22, 2008, 60 days after the final rule was transmitted to Congress.

**DATES:** Effective December 1, 2008 §§ 192.112, 192.328, 192.611(a)(1); 192.611(a)(3)(i), (ii) and (iii); 192.619(a) and (d); and 192.620 are stayed until December 22, 2008.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Supplementary Background

On October 17, 2008 PHMSA issued a final rule under Docket No. PHMSA-2005-23447 amending the Pipeline Safety Regulations (PSR; 49 CFR parts 190-199) to increase the regulatory maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) for certain gas transmission pipelines. The October 17, 2008 **Federal Register** notice announced that the final rule would be effective November 17, 2008, thirty days after its publication. Because the final rule is a major rule within the meaning of the Congressional Review Act, however, its effective date must be delayed until 60 days after publication in the **Federal Register** or transmission to Congress, whichever is later. The final rule was transmitted to Congress on October 22, 2008. Accordingly, we are staying its effective date until December 22, 2008.

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**Carl T. Johnson,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 300

[Docket No. 071203794-81464-02]

RIN 0648-AW36

#### Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Subsistence Fishing

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues a final rule to amend the subsistence fishery rules for members of an Alaska Native tribe eligible to harvest Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska for customary and traditional use. The action correctly defines the location of Village of Kanatak tribal headquarters and International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) halibut regulatory area (Area) in which the tribe's members may subsistence fish. The action would change the tribe's headquarters from Egegik to Wasilla and the corresponding Area from 4E to Area 3A. The intent of this action is to remove restrictions on participation of Village of Kanatak tribal members in traditional subsistence fisheries for Pacific halibut by correcting the tribe's headquarters to its actual location in Wasilla.

**DATES:** Effective December 31, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Categorical Exclusion and Regulatory Impact Review prepared for this action, as well as the environmental assessment prepared for the original subsistence halibut action are available by mail from NMFS, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Ellen Sebastian, Records Officer; in person at NMFS, Alaska Region, 709 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 420A, Juneau, Alaska; and via the Internet at the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States and Canada participate in the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) and promulgate regulations governing the Pacific halibut (*Hippoglossus stenolepis*) fishery under the authority of the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act). Regulations governing the allocation and catch of halibut in U.S. convention waters that are in agreement with the