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.

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Alan K. Mayberry,
Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2019–0197]

Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comment on a request for special permit, which is seeking 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 January 9, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for the 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202–366–0113, or by 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 a special permit request from the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), a subsidiary of the Williams Company. Transco operates interstate gas transmission pipelines and is seeking a waiver from the requirements of 49 CFR 192.611, Change in class location: Confirmation or revision of maximum allowable operating pressure. The Class 1 to Class 3 location change occurred in 2018.

This special permit is being requested in lieu of pipe replacement or pressure reduction for one (1) special permit segment of 0.02 miles (112 feet) located on the 42-inch diameter Mainline D Pipeline in Fayette County, Georgia. Mainline D Pipeline is an 820-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, New York. Mainline D Pipeline was installed in 1966 and transports natural gas from the Gulf of Mexico and the Marcellus region of Pennsylvania to population centers, industrial customers, and other pipelines. The maximum allowable operating pressure for the Mainline D Pipeline in the special permit segment is 800 pounds per square inch gauge.

The request, proposed special permit with conditions, and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Transco pipeline are available for review and public comment in the Docket No. PHMSA–2017–0197. 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. Comments may include relevant data.

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