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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[PHMSA-2008-0213 Empire Pipeline, Inc.]

Pipeline Safety; Request for Special Permit

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to seek public comments on a request for special permit, 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 December 5, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0213 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:* 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>.

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:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or email at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Mr. Steve Nanney by telephone at 713-628-7479, or email at Steve.Nanney@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA has received a special permit request from a pipeline operator seeking relief from compliance with certain federal pipeline safety regulations. The request includes a technical analysis and draft Environmental Analysis (EA), provided by the operator and has been filed at www.Regulations.gov, in Docket No. PHMSA-2008-0213. PHMSA invites interested persons to participate by reviewing this special permit request and draft EA at <http://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.

Before issuing a decision on this special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comment closing date. Comments will be evaluated after this date 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 the request.

PHMSA has received the following special permit request:

Docket No.	Requester	Regulation(s)	Nature of special permit
PHMSA-2008-0213.	Empire Pipeline, Inc., also referred to as Empire State Pipeline (Empire).	49 CFR 192.611 ...	To authorize Empire to include approximately 1,055 feet of 24-inch diameter, 0.257-inch and 0.370-inch wall thickness Grade X-65, (14-mil Encoat fusion-bonded epoxy coated HFERW pipe, manufactured by Stupp Corporation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana) pipeline, as part of the existing special permit originally issued to Empire on May 20, 2010, and renewed on May 20, 2015. Special permit Segment 6 is located approximately 1,190 feet west of the Erie Canal crossing, between mile posts (MP) 99.13 and MP 99.33, in the Town of Macedon, Wayne County, New York. The Empire pipeline has two maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) sections. The existing five Special Permit Segments are all located along the western, 1,440 psig MAOP section. Special Permit Segment 6 is sought with respect to one segment of an approximate length of 1,055 feet located in the 1,000 psig MAOP section. Segment 6 was originally classified and designed for a Class 1 location. Construction of a recreational vehicle campground within 100 yards of the pipeline resulted in a class location change of the area from Class 1 to Class 3, as of November 20, 2015. The inclusion of Segment 6 into the current special permit will allow Empire to continue the operation of this segment at its current MAOP of 1,000 psig.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2016-0016]

Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Department of Transportation's Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (FASTLANE Grants) for Fiscal Year 2017

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of funding opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) established the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program to provide Federal financial assistance to projects of national or regional significance and authorized the program at \$4.5 billion for fiscal years (FY) 2016 through 2020, including \$850 million for FY 2017 to be awarded by the Secretary of Transportation. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT/Department) will also refer to NSFHP grants as Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grants. The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for FY 2017 grants for the FASTLANE program. The Department also invites interested parties to submit comments about this notice's contents to public docket DOT-OST-2016-0016 by December 31, 2016. **DATES:** Applications must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. EST on December 15, 2016. The *Grants.gov* "Apply" function will open by November 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted through *www.Grants.gov*. Only applicants who comply with all submission requirements described in this notice and submit applications through *www.Grants.gov* will be eligible for award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning this notice, please contact the Office of the Secretary via email at *FASTLANEgrants@dot.gov*. For more information about highway projects, please contact Crystal Jones at (202)

366-2976. For more information about maritime projects, please contact Robert Bouchard at (202) 366-5076. For more information about rail projects, please contact Stephanie Lawrence at (202) 493-1376. For all other questions, please contact Howard Hill at (202) 366-0301. A TDD is available for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing at 202-366-3993. Additionally, the Department will regularly post answers to questions and requests for clarifications as well as information about webinars for further guidance on USDOT's Web site at <https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/FASTLANEgrants>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice solicits applications for the FASTLANE program for FY 2017. Each section of this notice contains information and instructions relevant to the application process for FASTLANE grants, and the applicant should read this notice in its entirety to submit eligible and competitive applications.

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A. Program Description

The Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects (NSFHP) program, as established by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), Public Law 114-94, section 1105 (23 U.S.C. 117), will provide Federal financial assistance to freight and highway projects of national or regional significance. The Department will also refer to NSFHP grants as Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grants. The FASTLANE program provides dedicated, discretionary funding for projects that address critical freight issues facing our nation's highways and bridges, and for the first time in the U.S. Department of Transportation's 50-year history, establishes broad, multiyear eligibilities for freight infrastructure.

To better adapt to national and regional population growth, compete in the global economy, and meet the needs of consumers and industry, the United States needs a strong multimodal transportation system. *Beyond Traffic 2045: Trends and Choices (Beyond Traffic)*,¹ the Department's 30-year framework for the future, outlines changing local and global patterns, including population and employment growth in burgeoning megaregions and significant growth in freight movement by ton and value. The report affirms the need to address freight bottlenecks that severely constrain system performance and capacity. The Department's draft National Freight Strategic Plan,² released in October 2015, further

¹ <https://www.transportation.gov/BeyondTraffic>.

² <https://www.transportation.gov/freight/NFSP>.