

MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the employment of the vessel in the coastwise trade to carry no more than 12 passengers will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, MARAD will not issue an approval of the vessel's coastwise endorsement eligibility. Comments should refer to the vessel name, state the commenter's interest in the application, and address the eligibility criteria given in section 388.4 of MARAD's regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

### Public Participation

#### *How do I submit comments?*

Please submit your comments, including the attachments, following the instructions provided under the above heading entitled **ADDRESSES**. Be advised that it may take a few hours or even days for your comment to be reflected on the docket. In addition, your comments must be written in English. We encourage you to provide concise comments and you may attach additional documents as necessary. There is no limit on the length of the attachments.

#### *Where do I go to read public comments, and find supporting information?*

Go to the docket online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, keyword search MARAD-2024-0133 or visit the Docket Management Facility (see **ADDRESSES** for hours of operation). We recommend that you periodically check the Docket for new submissions and supporting material.

#### *Will my comments be made available to the public?*

Yes. Be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, will be made publicly available.

#### *May I submit comments confidentially?*

If you wish to submit comments under a claim of confidentiality, you should submit the information you claim to be confidential commercial information by email to [SmallVessels@dot.gov](mailto:SmallVessels@dot.gov). Include in the email subject heading "Contains Confidential Commercial Information" or "Contains CCI" and state in your submission, with specificity, the basis for any such confidential claim highlighting or denoting the CCI portions. If possible, please provide a summary of your submission that can be made available to the public.

In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA

regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under those procedures will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

### Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). For information on DOT's compliance with the Privacy Act, please visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

(Authority: 49 CFR 1.93(a), 46 U.S.C. 55103, 46 U.S.C. 12121)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator,  
**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.**,  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2024-0055]

#### Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; TC Energy for Gas Transmission Northwest 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 a special permit received from TC Energy on behalf of Gas Transmission Northwest LLC (GTN). The special permit request 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 November 14, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for this specific special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Website:* <https://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 a.m. and 5 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 (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <https://www.Regulations.gov>.

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

*Confidential Business Information:* Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as "Confidential"; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA-PHP-80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not

specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*General:* Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202–366–0113, or by email at [kay.mciver@dot.gov](mailto:kay.mciver@dot.gov).

*Technical:* Mr. Zaid Obeidi by telephone at 202–366–5267, or by email at [zaid.obeidi@dot.gov](mailto:zaid.obeidi@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PHMSA received a special permit request from GTN dated March 27, 2024, seeking a waiver from the federal pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR 192.611 and 192.619, where gas transmission pipeline segments have undergone changes from Class 2 to Class 3 locations. The special permit request is for two segments of GTN's 36-inch diameter Mainline A natural gas transmission pipeline, approximately 2.075 miles (10,954 feet) in length, in Idaho. This special permit request, if granted, would allow GTN to operate the two segments at the current operating pressure of 911 pounds per square inch gauge by implementing enhanced integrity management procedures in lieu of confirming or revising the maximum allowable operating pressure of the affected segments when there is a class location change under 49 CFR 192.611.

The special permit request, proposed special permit with conditions, and draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the above described GTN pipeline segments are available for review and public comment in Docket No. PHMSA–2024–0055. PHMSA invites interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit request and DEA in the docket. Please submit comments on any potential safety, environmental, and other relevant considerations implicated by the special permit request. Comments may include relevant data.

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 it receives in making its decision to grant or deny this special permit request.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[Docket No.: PHMSA–2019–0098]

**Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee (Committee).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 7, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EDT. Requests to attend the meeting must be sent by October 23, 2024, to the point of contact identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Persons requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by October 23, 2024. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than October 23, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually. Details to access the virtual meeting will be posted on the Committee website located at: <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat/rulemakings/lithium-battery-safety-advisory-committee>. The E-Gov website is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Mailed written comments intended for the Committee should be sent to Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Webb or Aaron Wiener, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation. Telephone: 202–366–8553. Email: [lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov](mailto:lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov). Any committee-related request should be sent to the email address listed in this section.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, 5 U.S.C. app. 2), in accordance with section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115–254).

**II. Agenda**

The meeting agenda will address the following duties of the Committee as

specifically outlined in section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018:

(a) Facilitate communication among manufacturers of lithium batteries and products containing lithium batteries, air carriers, and the federal government.

(b) Discuss the effectiveness and the economic and social impacts of lithium battery transportation regulations.

(c) Provide the Secretary of Transportation with information regarding new technologies and transportation safety practices.

(d) Provide a forum to discuss Departmental activities related to lithium battery transportation safety.

(e) Advise and recommend activities to improve the global enforcement of U.S. regulations and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions relevant to air transportation of lithium batteries, and the effectiveness of those regulations.

(f) Provide a forum for feedback on potential positions to be taken by the U.S. at international forums.

(g) Guide activities to increase awareness of relevant requirements.

(h) Review methods to decrease the risk posed by undeclared hazardous materials.

A final agenda will be posted on the Committee website at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.

**III. Public Participation**

The meeting will be open to the public. DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than October 23, 2024. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, time for each commenter may be limited. There will be five minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, PHMSA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers must submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to Committee members no later than October 23, 2024. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the record. Any