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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

August 14, 2015

Ms. Jennifer Eckels  
Compliance Manager  
Tallgrass Energy Partners  
370 Van Gordon Street  
Lakewood, CO 80228

RE: **CPF 5-2013-1007H**  
**Respond to Permanent Operating Pressure Reduction Plan**  
**Closure of Corrective Action Order (CAO)**

Dear Ms. Eckels:

On June 19, 2013, the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), issued a Corrective Action Order (CAO) in the above-referenced case. The CAO required Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission (TIGT) to take numerous corrective actions with respect to the 12-inch Glenrock Natural Bridge Pipeline. We received your May 15<sup>th</sup> request to close the above-referenced CAO. Enclosed letter included the permanent operating pressure plan detailing the reason for lowering the pressure to a maximum of 30 percent of the specified minimum yield strength (SMYS) of the pipeline in lieu of conducting a hydrostatic test and performing an in-line inspection (ILI) assessment as required by the CAO.

My staff reviewed the details of the leak versus rupture curves for various potential crack lengths as a basis for understanding what a safe pressure would be to generate a leak, instead of rupture. In addition, it's my understanding that TIGT will promptly report any leaks on this segment of the pipeline to PHMSA and the results of the root cause analysis will be provided to PHMSA. Based on our review of the documentation you provided, it has been determined that you have complied with the terms of this Order.

This letter also serves as a reminder that there are other threats within this pipeline system. PHMSA encourages TIGT to remain vigilant with respect to external corrosion, third-party damage, other outside force, weather related events and any other threats that would impair the serviceability of the pipeline system even though at the reduced pressure.

Please be informed by this letter that your May 15<sup>th</sup> request for approval of this modification of the CAO, CPF 5-2013-1007H, is granted. Furthermore, this case is now closed and no further action is contemplated with respect to the matters involved in this case. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*for*  
*Hay Van Nguyen*

Chris Hoidal  
Director, Western Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

cc: PHP-60 Compliance Registry  
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