



Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP

August 15, 2016

Mr. Chris Hoidal
Director, Western Region
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
12300 W. Dakota Ave., Suite 110
Lakewood, CO 80228

08-17-16 11:09 RCVD

RE: CPF 5-2016-5005M – Notice of Amendment

Dear Mr. Hoidal,

Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP (Tallgrass) has received the Notice of Amendment (NOA) sent July 27, 2106, regarding the perceived inadequacy found within Tallgrass' welding procedures with respect to **49 CFR 195.214 - Welding Procedures**. Per the provisions set forth in the "*Response Options for Pipeline Operators in Enforcement Proceedings*", Tallgrass does not intend to contest the NOA and will proceed under section II (a) by addressing the perceived inadequacies.

Although Tallgrass believes that the current manual is compliant with both 49 CFR part 195 and API Standard 1104, we will investigate the essential variable change noted in the NOA to ensure compliance is maintained and that our commitment to keeping in line with industry best practices is preserved.

Tallgrass will review weld procedures that are currently qualified for only a "U" or "V" joint type along with our operations and maintenance manual to assess whether modifications need to be made. Any necessary modifications will be made and distributed following applicable processes and procedures.

We will keep your office informed of progress made to address the NOA, and are happy to provide supplemental information upon your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Arnold".

Tim Arnold | Compliance Engineer | Tallgrass Energy
370 Van Gordon Street | Lakewood, CO 80228
T: 303.763.3315 | M: 530.592.9688
tim.arnold@tallgrassenergylp.com

Cc: (Tallgrass) Mick Rafter, Craig Meis, Jay Meyers, Jennifer Eckels
(PHMSA) Brent Brown