



November 25, 2020

Mr. Gregory A. Ochs  
Director, Central Region  
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration  
901 Locust Street, Suite 462  
Kansas City, MO 64106

**Re: CPF 3-2020-1007W  
Warning Letter  
Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP**

Dear Mr. Ochs:

Tallgrass Energy Partners, LP (Tallgrass or the Company) is in receipt of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA or the Agency) Warning Letter dated October 26, 2020. In it, PHMSA alleged a probable violation of the operator qualification (OQ) requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 192.805(c). Specifically, PHMSA stated that Tallgrass failed to follow its written OQ program requiring a 1:1 Span of Control for gas pipeline controllers when Tallgrass's gas control room staff allowed an unqualified trainee to perform the covered task of operating a console without being directed and observed by an individual that was qualified.

Tallgrass shares PHMSA's commitment to pipeline safety and continuous program improvement. To this end, Tallgrass appreciates PHMSA's feedback in this matter. The Company is in the process of adding an additional headcount to gas control to address the issue noted in the Warning Letter regarding console coverage. This resource will allow Tallgrass to adequately maintain a 1:1 span of control during training activities.

Once again, we greatly appreciate PHMSA's feedback, and we are confident that the response actions we have begun to implement will address PHMSA's concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or would like to discuss in further detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer R. Eckels". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

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