



Via Email to Gregory.Ochs@DOT.gov

January 6, 2022

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

**RE: CPF No. 3-2021-043-NOPV
Request for Informal Conference
Request for a Hearing and Preliminary Statement of Issues
Written Response**

Dear Mr. Ochs,

By way of the attached, Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission LLC's (Tallgrass) responds to the above-referenced Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty and Proposed Compliance Order (NOPV) issued by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on December 7, 2021. As described in the attached, Tallgrass requests an informal conference to attempt to resolve certain Items contained in the NOPV.

In order to preserve its rights, Tallgrass also submits a Request for Hearing and Preliminary Statement of Issues pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.211. Tallgrass hopes that the hearing will be unnecessary, and that the parties can resolve this matter informally.

For those NOPV Items not subject to the Request for Informal Conference and Request for Hearing, Tallgrass provides written responses in the attached.

I will reach out to you by phone regarding scheduling an informal conference. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Eckels".

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PHMSA: AJ McKean, James Bunn

Enclosure: Request for Informal Conference, Request for Hearing and Preliminary Statement
of Issues Regarding NOPV Items 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12; and
Written Response to NOPV Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8