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**RE: Tallgrass Energy, LP  
CPF No. 3-2021-1003  
Withdrawal of Hearing Request and Response to Amended NOPV**

Dear Messrs. White and Ochs,

By way of this letter Tallgrass Energy, LP (“Tallgrass”) withdraws its March 26, 2021 request for a hearing in the above-referenced case. Tallgrass and PHMSA have participated in productive informal conferences regarding this matter. As a result, PHMSA issued an Amended Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty and Proposed Compliance Order (collectively, NOPV) on July 27, 2021.

In addition, Tallgrass provides the following written response to the Amended NOPV.

**Item 1**

Tallgrass does not contest Item 1 of the Amended NOPV. However, Tallgrass reiterates its March 26, 2021 request that PHMSA reduce the Proposed Civil Penalty associated with Item 1. Tallgrass has attached its March 26, 2021 request for penalty reduction to this letter, and hereby incorporates that request into its response to the Amended NOPV.

**Item 2**

Tallgrass does not contest Item 2 of the Amended NOPV. The revised rate-of-drop site-specific procedure has been provided to PHMSA. **Procedure OM301\_G - Inspecting and Servicing Emergency Valves** and the referenced form are currently awaiting approval by internal

stakeholders and will be provided to PHMSA for approval in accordance with the Proposed Compliance Order.

Tallgrass appreciates PHMSA's willingness to discuss this matter. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Tallgrass Energy, LP March 26, 2021 Letter to PHMSA

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