May 12, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: kenneth_grubb@kindermorgan.com

Mr. Kenneth Grubb
Chief Operating Officer
Southern Gulf LNG Company, LLC
1001 Louisiana Street, Suite 1000
Houston, Texas 77002

Re: CPF No. 4-2022-035-NOPV

Dear Mr. Grubb:

Enclosed please find the Final Order issued in the above-referenced case. It makes a finding of violation and specifies actions that need to be taken to comply with the pipeline safety regulations. When the terms of the compliance order are completed, as determined by the Director, Southwest Region, this enforcement action will be closed. Service of the Final Order by e-mail is effective upon the date of transmission and acknowledgement of receipt as provided under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alan K. Mayberry
Associate Administrator
for Pipeline Safety

Enclosures (Final Order and NOPV)

cc: Ms. Mary McDaniel, Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety, PHMSA
    Mr. Jaime Hernandez, Director, Engineering, Codes & Standards, Southern Gulf LNG Company, jaime_hernandez@kindermorgan.com
    Ms. Carla Roark, Compliance Manager, Southern Gulf LNG Company, carla_roark@kindermorgan.com

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT REQUESTED
In the Matter of

Southern Gulf LNG Company, LLC, CPF No. 4-2022-035-NOPV

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

On March 7, 2022, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Director, Southwest Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), issued a Notice of Probable Violation (Notice) to Southern Gulf LNG Company, LLC (Respondent). The Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated the pipeline safety regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 193. The Notice also proposed certain measures to correct the violation. Respondent did not contest the allegation of violation or corrective measures.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence, pursuant to § 190.213, I find Respondent violated the pipeline safety regulation listed below, as more fully described in the enclosed Notice, which is incorporated by reference:

49 C.F.R. § 193.2801 (Item 1) — Respondent failed to provide and maintain fire protection according to sections 9.1 through 9.7 and section 9.9 of NFPA-59A-2001 (incorporated by reference, see § 193.2013).

This finding of violation will be considered a prior offense in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

Compliance Actions

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60118(b) and 49 C.F.R. § 190.217, Respondent is ordered to take the actions proposed in the enclosed Notice to correct the violation. The Director may grant an extension of time to comply with any of the required items upon a written request timely submitted by the Respondent and demonstrating good cause for an extension. Upon completion of ordered actions, Respondent may request that the Director close the case. Failure to comply with this Order may result in the assessment of civil penalties under 49 C.F.R. § 190.223 or in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate relief in a district court of the United States.
The terms and conditions of this order are effective upon service in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

May 12, 2022

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Alan K. Mayberry                  Date Issued
Associate Administrator           
for Pipeline Safety