



Via Email to Gregory.Ochs@DOT.gov

February 18, 2022

Mr. Gregory Ochs  
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**RE: CPF No. 3-2022-018-NOPV  
Request for Informal Conference  
Request for a Hearing and Preliminary Statement of Issues  
Written Response**

Dear Mr. Ochs,

Tallgrass is in receipt of the Notice of Probable Violation, Proposed Civil Penalty, and Proposed Compliance Order (NOPV) that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) issued in the above-captioned case on January 19, 2022. The NOPV alleged five (5) violations of the Pipeline Safety Regulations, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.). As described in the attached, Tallgrass requests an informal conference for Items 3 and 4 and provides written responses for Items 1, 2, and 5.

In order to preserve its rights, Tallgrass also submits a Request for Hearing and Preliminary Statement of Issues for Items 3 and 4 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.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 190.208(e) and 190.343, Tallgrass is requesting confidential treatment of Attachment #2 to the Request for Informal Conference, Request for Hearing, and Preliminary Statement of Issues in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). This attachment contains confidential commercial information protected from release under 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4).

Tallgrass shares PHMSA's commitment to pipeline safety. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this response. I will contact you to discuss scheduling an informal conference for Items 3 and 4.

Sincerely,

  
Jennifer Eckels

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Enclosure: Request for Informal Conference, Request for Hearing, and Preliminary Statement of  
Issues Regarding Items 3 and 4, and Written Response for Items 1, 2, and 5