

**Before the
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
Office of Pipeline Safety
Washington, D.C.**

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In the Matter of)	
)	CPF No. 3-2023-016-NOPV
Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission,)	
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Respondent.)	
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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST FOR HEARING

This notice is to advise that Tallgrass Interstate Gas Transmission (Tallgrass or the Company) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) Central Region have reached an agreement that resolves the above-referenced Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV). As a result, and as set forth in the Consent Agreement and Order issued by PHMSA on August 16, 2024, Tallgrass is, without admission, withdrawing its request for hearing.

PHMSA issued the NOPV to Tallgrass on September 8, 2023, following an inspection conducted in 2022, alleging eight probable violations. The NOPV proposed a civil penalty associated with four of the alleged probable violations (Items 1, 2, 7 and 8) and compliance order requirements associated with the remaining four allegations (Items 3, 4, 5, 6). In response to the NOPV, Tallgrass contested Items 2, 3, and 8, the associated proposed civil penalties, the associated proposed compliance order requirements, and requested clarification of certain uncontested items and proposed compliance order requirements. Tallgrass also provided additional information regarding Company’s voluntary efforts to address the allegations.

In the spirit of cooperation and consistent with its commitment to pipeline safety, Tallgrass requested a hearing and the opportunity to meet informally with PHMSA to discuss the alleged probable violations, associated civil penalties, and proposed compliance order requirements. As a result of those discussions, Tallgrass entered into a Consent Agreement with PHMSA to resolve this matter without admission and for purposes of settlement only. The Consent Agreement withdraws two of the alleged probable violations (Items 3 and 8), reduces another item to a warning (Item 2), and assesses a reduced civil penalty of \$78,200. The Consent Agreement further acknowledges that Tallgrass has completed the relevant compliance order requirements.

As required by the terms of the Consent Agreement and Order issued by PHMSA, Tallgrass is hereby withdrawing its request for hearing.

Respectfully submitted for Tallgrass
Interstate Gas Transmission,



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