

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
PIPELINE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY
ADMINISTRATION – OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY

In the Matter of)
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Golden Pass Pipeline LLC,) CPF. 4-2026-008-NOPV
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Respondent.)
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**REQUEST FOR HEARING AND PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF ISSUES
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION AND
PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY**

I. Request for Hearing

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 190.208(b)(4) and 190.211(b), Golden Pass Pipeline LLC (“Golden Pass”) respectfully requests that the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) convene a hearing in the above-captioned enforcement proceeding. PHMSA initiated this proceeding on March 19, 2026, by issuing a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Civil Penalty (Notice) to Golden Pass. On April 16, 2026, PHMSA granted Golden Pass’ request for an extension of time to respond to the Notice until June 17, 2026. Golden Pass appreciates PHMSA’s willingness to grant that extension and intends to raise the following issues at the hearing. Golden Pass will be represented by counsel at the hearing.

II. Statement of Issues

Notice Item 1 – External Corrosion: Protective Coating

1. Whether, based on the allegations in the Notice and other evidence in the record, PHMSA can meet its burden of demonstrating that Golden Pass violated 49 CFR §§ 192.461 and 192.303 in connection with application of external coating on the surface of a segment of pipe.

2. Whether PHMSA's proposed civil penalty of \$\$39,400 should be withdrawn, eliminated or reduced.

Notice Item 2 – Operator Qualifications

1. Whether, based on the allegations in the Notice and other evidence in the record, PHMSA can meet its burden of demonstrating that Golden Pass violated 49 CFR § 192.805 (b)
2. Whether PHMSA's proposed civil penalty of \$36,800 should be withdrawn, eliminated or reduced.
3. For completeness, Golden Pass intends to challenge the facts and the application of regulations to the allegations set forth in PHMSA's Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Penalty.

III. Request for Meeting

Golden Pass respectfully requests that PHMSA convene a meeting for the purpose of settlement or simplification or to aid in the disposition of the issues.

Golden Pass reserves its right pursuant to 49 CFR Section 190.211(d) to "introduce material, including records, documents, and other exhibits not already in the case file," within the time period prescribed therein.

Golden Pass respectfully requests that the scheduling of the hearing be postponed until informal settlement discussions are concluded.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of June, 2026.



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