

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

In the Matter of

Hilcorp Alaska, LLC,

Respondent.

CPF No. 5-2026-008-NOPV

**REQUEST FOR INFORMAL CONFERENCE, HEARING, AND PRELIMINARY
STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

I. Request for Informal Conference

Pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117(b)(1)(B)(i)-(ii), Hilcorp Alaska, LLC (Hilcorp) respectfully requests an informal conference to discuss the allegation and proposed compliance order in the above-referenced Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order (NOPV). Hilcorp is hopeful that through further discussion this allegation can be resolved without a hearing.

II. Request for Hearing

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 190.208(b)(4) and 190.211(b), Hilcorp respectfully requests an in-person hearing at PHMSA's Western Region office to discuss the allegation and proposed compliance order. If a hearing is held, Hilcorp will be represented by counsel at the hearing.

III. Preliminary Statement of Issues

Hilcorp respectfully contests the allegation and proposed compliance order in the NOPV. At the hearing, Hilcorp intends to raise the following issues:

Item 1 - 49 C.F.R. § 190.341(a)

- A. Whether Hilcorp's May 5, 2025 letter requesting withdrawal of the Special Permit (PHMSA-2010-0063) satisfied PHMSA's process for withdrawal of special permits.
- B. The appropriate regulatory classification of the North Fork pipeline.
- C. Whether the allegation of violation is supported by the facts and the evidence.
- D. Whether PHMSA has met its burden of proof that a probable violation occurred.
- E. Whether the proposed compliance order is appropriate or should be modified or withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted this 27 day of March
2026.



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