

- Deck space and size to accept installation of Consolidation (CONSOL) stations, two on each side for a total of four stations;

- Ability to accommodate up to an additional 12 crew for CONSOL, security, and communication crew augmentation;

- Communication facilities capable of integrating secure communications equipment;

- Does not engage in commerce or acquire any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), or if OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR Chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, except as authorized by the OFAC in the Department of the Treasury;

- Operate in the Indo-Pacific region;
- Maximum draft of no more than 44 feet. Preference will be given to vessels that can transport the most fuel at the shallowest draft;

- Sustained service speed of at least 14 knots, with higher speeds preferred;
- Carry only clean refined products;

- and
- Double-hulled and capable of carrying more than two separated grades of refined petroleum products with double valve protection between tanks.

#### National Security Requirements

The applicant chosen to receive a TSP Operating Agreement will be required to enter into an Emergency Preparedness Agreement (EPA) in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 53407, or such other agreement as may be approved by the Secretaries. The current EPA approved by the Secretary and SecDef is the Voluntary Tanker Agreement (VTA), publicly available for review at 87 FR 67119 (November 7, 2022).

#### Documentation

A vessel chosen to receive the TSP Operating Agreement must be documented as a U.S.-flag vessel under 46 U.S.C. chapter 121 to operate under the Operating Agreement. An applicant proposing a vessel registered under the laws of a foreign country at the time of application must demonstrate the vessel owner's intent to have the vessel documented under U.S. law and must demonstrate that the vessel is U.S.-registered by the time the applicant enters into a TSP Operating Agreement for the vessel. Proof of U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation and inspection and all relevant charter and management agreements for a chosen vessel must be approved by MARAD before the vessel will be eligible to

operate under a TSP Operating Agreement and receive TSP payments.

#### Vessel Operation

A vessel selected for award of a TSP Operating Agreement must be operated in foreign commerce, in mixed foreign commerce and domestic trade of the United States permitted under a registry endorsement issued under 46 U.S.C. 12111, or between U.S. ports and those points identified in 46 U.S.C. 55101(b), or in foreign-to-foreign commerce, and must not otherwise operate in the coastwise trade of the United States. Further, no vessel may operate under a TSP Operating Agreement while it is also operating under charter to the U.S. Government for a period that, together with options, exceeds 180 continuous days.

#### Protection of Confidential Commercial or Financial Information

If the application includes information that the applicant considers to be a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information, the applicant should do the following: (1) Note on the front cover that the submission "Contains Confidential Commercial or Financial Information (CCFI)"; (2) mark each affected page "CCFI"; and (3) highlight or otherwise denote the CCFI portions. MARAD will protect such information from disclosure to the extent allowed under applicable law. In the event MARAD receives a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the information, procedures described in the Department's FOIA regulation at 49 CFR 7.29 will be followed. Only information that is ultimately determined to be confidential under that procedure will be exempt from disclosure under FOIA.

#### Award of Operating Agreements

MARAD will make every effort to expedite the review of applications and the award of a TSP Operating Agreement. MARAD, however, does not guarantee the award of a TSP Operating Agreement in response to applications submitted under this Notice. If no awards are made, or an application is not selected for an award, the applicant will be provided with a written reason for why the application was denied.

(Authority: 46 U.S.C. chapter 534, 49 CFR 1.92 and 1.93, 46 CFR 294)

By order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-2023-0071]

#### Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit; DTM Gas Storage Company

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comments on a request for special permit received from the DTM Gas Storage Company (DTM). The special permit request is seeking relief from compliance with certain requirements in the Federal pipeline safety regulations. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

**DATES:** Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by April 1, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Website:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

- *Hand Delivery:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Instructions:* You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**Note:** There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal

information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**Confidential Business Information:** Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential”; (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA–PHP–80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*General:* Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202–366–0113, or by email at [kay.mciver@dot.gov](mailto:kay.mciver@dot.gov).

*Technical:* Mr. Earnest Scott by telephone at 202–909–7529, or by email at [earnest.scott@dot.gov](mailto:earnest.scott@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

PHMSA received a special permit request from DTM, a subsidiary of DT Midstream, Inc., on July 14, 2023, seeking a waiver from the Federal pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR 192.625(b), which requires a gas transmission pipeline to be odorized in a Class 3 or a Class 4 location.

The proposed special permit would allow DTM to operate the W10–28 and Shelby 2 Pipelines without odorization. The W10–28 and Shelby 2 Pipelines are 20-inch-diameter natural gas transmission pipelines, 7.3 miles in length, located in Macomb County, Michigan. The maximum allowable operating pressure for the W10–28 and

Shelby 2 Pipelines is 2,160 pounds per square inch gauge.

The special permit request, proposed special permit with conditions, and draft environmental assessment (DEA) for the above listed DTM pipeline segments are available for review and public comment in Docket Number PHMSA 2023–0071. PHMSA invites interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit request, proposed special permit with conditions, and DEA in the docket. Please submit comments on any potential safety, environmental, or other relevant consideration implicated by the special permit request. Comments may include relevant data.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment it receives in making its decision to grant or deny this special permit request.

Issued in Washington, DC, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

**Alan K. Mayberry,**

*Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**[DOT–OST–2024–0028]**

**Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (ACTE); Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** DOT OST announces a hybrid meeting of ACTE’s Wealth Creation Subcommittee, which will take place via Zoom Webinar and in-person.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Friday, March 15, 2024, from 12 to 1 p.m.

eastern time. Requests for accommodations because of a disability must be received by Friday, March 8. Requests to submit questions must be received no later than Friday, March 8. The registration form will close on Thursday, March 14.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via Zoom and in-person at the Washington Marriot at Metro Center, 775 12th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. Those members of the public

who would like to participate virtually should go to <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/civil-rights/advisory-committee-transportation-equity-meetings-materials> to access the meeting, a detailed agenda for the entire meeting, meeting minutes, and additional information on ACTE and its activities.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sandra D. Norman, Senior Advisor and Designated Federal Officer, Departmental Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, (804) 836–2893, [ACTE@dot.gov](mailto:ACTE@dot.gov). Any ACTE-related request or submissions should be sent via email to the point of contact listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

*Purpose of the Committee*

ACTE was established to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation about comprehensive, interdisciplinary issues related to civil rights and transportation equity in the planning, design, research, policy, and advocacy contexts from a variety of transportation equity practitioners and community leaders. Specifically, the Committee will provide advice and recommendations to inform the Department’s efforts to:

Implement the Agency’s Equity Action Plan and Strategic Plan, helping to institutionalize equity into Agency programs, policies, regulations, and activities;

Strengthen and establish partnerships with overburdened and underserved communities who have been historically underrepresented in the Department’s outreach and engagement, including those in rural and urban areas;

Empower communities to have a meaningful voice in local and regional transportation decisions; and

Ensure the compliance of Federal funding recipients with civil rights laws and nondiscrimination programs, policies, regulations, and activities.

*Meeting Agenda*

The agenda for the meeting will consist of:

Opening remarks  
Wealth Creation background  
Review of existing recommendations  
Feedback and new recommendations from attendees  
USDOT updates  
Next steps and closing remarks  
Meeting Participation

Advance registration is required. Please register at <https://>