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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

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SUBJECT: **1) PHMSA Grant Opportunities**  
**2) Spring MANGO General Meeting Scheduled (April 9, 2024)**  
**3) Rule Amendments (Case No. GX-2023-0422)**

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### **1) PHMSA Grant Opportunities**

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has made the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff aware of two grant opportunities:

A. Pipeline Emergency Response Grant (PERG): [grants.gov/search-results-detail/352528](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/352528)

From the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): "...Only state, county, and local governments are eligible for the Pipeline Emergency Response Grant (PERG) competitive grant program. PERG focuses on incident response activities related to the transportation of gas or hazardous liquids by pipeline in high consequence areas. PERG funding will be awarded to eligible state, county, and local governments to train individuals with statutory responsibility to respond to pipeline incidents in high consequence areas (HCAs)." The application deadline is **April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

B. Technical Assistance Grant (TAG): [grants.gov/search-results-detail/352542](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/352542)

From the NOFO: "Applicants for the TAG must be local communities or groups of individuals (not including for-profit entities) related to the safety and associated environmental mitigation of pipeline facilities in local communities, other than facilities regulated under Public Law 93-153 (43 U.S.C. § 1651 et seq.). Eligible applicants include cities, towns, villages, counties, tribes, parishes, townships,

and similar governmental subdivisions, or consortiums of such subdivisions, and groups of individuals; this does not include for-profit entities. States, universities, and for-profit entities are not eligible for TAG funding.” The application deadline is **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## **2) Spring MANGO General Meeting Scheduled (April 9, 2024)**

The Spring 2024 MANGO General Meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2024, beginning at 10:00 AM in Jefferson City. The meeting will be on the 4th floor in the Ballroom (Room 450) of the Governor Office Building (GOB). The PSC Staff and MANGO board members look forward to seeing you then. If anyone has a subject or questions they would like to discuss during the meeting, please let us know.

## **3) Rule Amendments (Case No. GX-2023-0422)**

Missouri’s Pipeline Safety Standards in 20 CSR 4240-40.030 have been amended to adopt recent federal amendments including the final PHMSA amendments and technical corrections to:

- “Pipeline Safety: Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards.”
- “Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines, Extension of Reporting Requirements, Regulation of Large, High Pressure Lines, and Other related Amendments.”
- “Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Repair Criteria, Integrity Management Improvements, Cathodic Protection, Management of Change, and Other Related Amendments.”

The Missouri Public Service Commission’s final amended rule 20 CSR 4240-40.030 is available at: [Missouri Secretary of State: Code of State Regulations \(mo.gov\)](https://www.mo.gov/secretary-of-state/code-of-state-regulations).

Note: There are some differences in the Missouri Public Service Commission’s final amended rule and the corresponding federal rules. These differences are discussed in:

- Attachment A to Staff’s Motion to Establish a Working Case in Case No. GW-2023-0272 <https://efis.psc.mo.gov/Case/FilingDisplay/230637>
- The Rulemaking Whitepaper filed in Case No. GW-2023-0272 <https://efis.psc.mo.gov/Case/FilingDisplay/230719>
- Staff Comment filed in Case No. GX-2023-0422 <https://efis.psc.mo.gov/Case/FilingDisplay/575231>