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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

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SUBJECT: 1) GE-2022-0214- Waiver from Certain Reporting Requirements
2) Fall General MANGO Meeting – October 26, 2022 (In Person)
3) PHMSA Final Rule: Pipeline Valve Installation and Rupture Detection Standards
4) PHMSA Notification and Request for Comments

1) GE-2022-0214- Waiver from Certain Reporting Requirements

Due to certain changes in federal pipeline safety rules, the Missouri Association of Natural Gas Operators, Inc. (MANGO) filed a request for waiver from provisions of Commission Rules 20CRS 4240-40.020(2)(D)1.B. and (7)(B), requiring respectively reporting incidents of \$50,000 or more in property damages and mechanical fittings failure reports to PHMSA. The Commission issued an order granting the waiver on March 9, 2022, then at the request of MANGO and Staff issued an amended order on March 30, 2022 broadening the list of operators included in the waiver, and clarifying that throughout the duration of this wavier, MANGO's members are ordered to comply with the current federal definition of reportable incident contained in 49 CFR 191.3. A copy of the Amended order is attached.

2) Fall MANGO General Meeting (October 26, 2022) – In Person

The Fall MANGO General Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2022, 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.

3) PHMSA Final Rule: Pipeline Valve Installation and Rupture Detection Standards

On April 8, 2022, PHMSA issued a final rule: Pipeline Safety: Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards, with an effective date of October 5, 2022. A copy of the final rule is available at:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/04/08/2022-07133/pipeline-safety-requirementof-valve-installation-and-minimum-rupture-detection-standards.

4) PHMSA Notification and Request for Comments

PHMSA has provided a notification and request for comments on an information collection associated with the natural gas distribution infrastructure safety and modernization grant program. The comment period ends on April 18, 2022. A copy of the notification is available at: Federal Register: Pipeline Safety: Agency Request for Emergency Approval of an Information Collection Associated With the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program