## March 6, 2012

TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

SUBJECT: 1) MANGO General Meeting

2) Mechanical Fitting Leak Report Reminder

Note: Copies are not sent to all operator personnel. <u>Please forward to the appropriate</u> person(s).

## 1) MANGO General Meeting

The next MANGO general meeting has been set for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2012, in Jefferson City. The meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor (Room 450, Ballroom) of the Governor Office Building (GOB). Coffee and bakery items will be served prior to the meeting (9:30 a.m.) and lunch will be provided. Parking is available in the City Parking Garage directly across from the Governor Office Building (a limited number of parking passes will be available). If you have suggested discussion items, please contact a MANGO Board Member or the MoPSC Staff.

## Possible discussion items include:

- Learfield Program Update
- NTSB San Bruno report recommendations and implications
- PHMSA's focus on aging infrastructure (cast iron incidents in PA)
- PHMSA's Report to America
- PHMSA'S Gas Transmission Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Integrity Management published 8/25/11
- Overview of Staff's Pipeline Safety Program published in April (Case No. GS-2011-0264)
- Damage Prevention

Safety Summit November 9-10

Statute revisions update

Attorney General Enforcement

- New PHMSA F7100.1-1 and F7100.2-1 annual reports and on-line submission
- DIMP Program Status and Action Items of Note

## 2) Mechanical Fitting Leak Report Reminder

If you have had mechanical fittings failures in 2011 that resulted in hazardous (Class 1 leaks) and you have not yet reported these to PHMSA, the deadline for reporting is March 15, 2012. Operators of gas distribution pipelines are required to use the new Mechanical Fitting Failure Report form (PHMSA F7100.1-2) beginning with their calendar year (CY) 2011 annual data on mechanical fitting failures. Note – reporting is only required for hazardous (Class 1) leaks. Operators have had the option of submitting mechanical fitting failure data throughout the year or on an annual basis. If you have not had mechanical fittings failures in 2011, you do not have to file a report. Reports should be filed through the PHMSA data portal using the same login information as for PHMSA annual reports: https://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/phmsaportallanding.

For now, Missouri will not be requesting copies of the mechanical fitting failure reports. However, please keep copies of these reports for review by Staff during your annual inspections.

If you have any questions concerning any of these topics, please contact me at 573/751-3456.

Sincerely,

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