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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

FROM: Robert Leonberger, Pipeline Safety Program Manager

SUBJECT: 1) 2015 PHMSA Annual Reports for Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission
2) 2015 Missouri Gas Safety Annual Report
3) MANGO General Meeting
4) Proposed Rulemaking
5) Staff Changes

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

1) 2015 PHMSA Annual Reports for Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission

The 2015 Annual Report forms for Gas Distribution (PHMSA F7100.1-1) and Gas Transmission (PHMSA F7100.2-1) must be submitted electronically to the PHMSA Portal by March 15, 2016. Instructions for completing the reports and links to PHMSA Portal login page are located at: <https://portal.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline>. **After the reports are submitted on the PHMSA Portal, please provide a copy to Staff.** This copy may be downloaded as a PDF and emailed to Staff at: PipelineSafetyProgramManager@psc.mo.gov, or may be sent as a paper copy to Mark Struckhoff, Missouri Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Suite 600, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Operators with transmission pipelines need to review the new federal regulation section at 49 CFR 191.29 regarding an annual submission of information for the National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) – this annual submission is also required to be made on or before March 15. Staff is working to include 49 CFR 191.29 as a new Section (14) in 4 CSR 240-40.020 (see Item 4 below).

Operators with distribution pipelines should note that a few minor changes were made to the PHMSA F7100.1-1 form:

a) Part B – System Description was updated to add “reconditioned cast iron” as a material type. As per the annual report instructions, “Reconditioned Cast Iron” means cast iron gas distribution pipe that has been lined internally by use of suitable materials that ensure safe operation at an MAOP not to exceed the previously established MAOP. “Reconditioned Cast Iron” does not include cast iron pipe inserted with a gas pipe that is, by itself, suitable for gas service under Part 192, e.g., an ASTM D2513 pipe meeting code requirements for the intended gas service. Such insertions shall be reported as the material used in the insertion. The intent of the definition is to make a clear distinction between a liner and inserted pipe. An example of “Reconditioned Cast Iron” would be the insertion of a liner inside cast iron pipe where the liner relies on the structural integrity of the cast iron pipe. Methods of installation like pipe-splitting or bursting that involve the installation of a new stand-alone pipe while the host pipe is destroyed do not result in “Reconditioned Cast Iron”.

b) Part D has been revised to add 4 root causes to excavation damages. Staff would like to note that these root causes are very similar to number 15, Classification of third-party excavation damages on the Missouri annual report.

- a. One-Call notification practices not sufficient
- b. Locating practices not sufficient
- c. Excavation practices not sufficient
- d. Other

2) 2015 Missouri PSC Gas Safety Annual Report

Please submit your 2015 Missouri PSC Gas Safety Annual Report to this office no later than March 15, 2016. An electronic version of the report form (be sure to use the form updated for 2010) is available on the MANGO website at: www.mangowp.org or by sending an e-mail request to Mark Struckhoff at: mark.struckhoff@psc.mo.gov. The Staff encourages you to use the electronic version and email the completed report to Mark Struckhoff by March 15, 2016, but mailing a completed form to this office by that date is acceptable.

3) Next MANGO General Meeting

The next MANGO general meeting has been set for 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016, in Jefferson City. The meeting will be on the 4th floor in the Ballroom (Room 450) 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 the street from the Governor Office Building. However, Staff was not provided any parking passes for this meeting. If you have suggestions for discussion items, please contact a MANGO Board Member or the MO PSC Staff. A preliminary meeting agenda will be mailed out closer to the meeting date.

4) Proposed Rulemaking

Revisions are being proposed for 4 CSR 240-40.020, 4 CSR 240-40.030, and 4 CSR 240-

40.080 to adopt several amendments of the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations that have not been incorporated in these Missouri PSC rules (see attached amendment list). These revisions will make the Missouri Pipeline Safety Regulations at least as stringent as the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations. On February 1, 2016, Staff filed the draft amendments in Case No. GW-2015-0321 and the Commission issued an Order establishing **March 2, 2016 as the deadline for submitting comments to Staff**. Information about accessing these documents in Case No. GW-2015-0321 using EFIS is available at: <http://psc.mo.gov/General>. Special attention should be given to the proposed language in 4 CSR 240-40.030(13)(M)2.B.(III). Changes to this section have been discussed at previous MANGO meetings and the MANGO Board created a committee to work with Staff on proposed language. If you have comments, please provide those comments with suggested language to Staff **by March 2**, so any needed changes can be made at this informal stage of the process. Staff also plans to discuss these revisions at the MANGO meeting (see Item 1) above). If you have any questions, please contact Staff.

5) Staff Changes

As some of you may already know, Bob Leonberger is retiring from the Commission effective March 1, 2016. Bob has been with the Commission's Pipeline Safety Staff since 1982 and has been the Pipeline Safety Program Manager since 1991. He is planning to attend the March 8th MANGO general meeting. See the following note from Bob.

I appreciate all the friends I have made during my time at the Commission and appreciate the working relationship the operators and Staff have fostered in Missouri. I am proud of the things the Pipeline Safety Staff and the operators have been able to accomplish by working together and I will miss working with the operators and the Pipeline Safety Staff.

PHMSA Amendments since last MoPSC Amendment

Internet resource: <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/pipeline/regs/rulemaking/final>

1) 4 CSR 240-40.020 – PHMSA Amendment to be Adopted

Amendment 191-23 – *Miscellaneous Changes to Pipeline Safety Regulations* [Docket No. PHMSA-2010-0026]

Final Rule: 80 FR 12762 – 03/11/15

2) 4 CSR 240-40.030 – PHMSA Amendments to be Adopted

Amendment 192-118 – *Administrative Procedures; Updates and Technical Corrections* [Docket No. PHMSA-2012-0102]

Final Rule: 78 FR 58897 - 09/25/13 {No change necessary to 40.030}

Amendment 192-119 – *Periodic Updates of Regulatory References to Technical Standard and Miscellaneous Amendments* [Docket No. PHMSA-2011-0337]

Final Rule: 80 FR 168 – 01/05/15

Amendment 192-120 – *Miscellaneous Changes to Pipeline Safety Regulations* [Docket No. PHMSA-2010-0026]

Final Rule: 80 FR 12762 – 03/11/15

4) 4 CSR 240-40.080 - PHMSA Amendments to be Adopted

PHMSA Amendments to 49 CFR parts 40 and 199 that are included in the *Code of Federal Regulations* published on October 1, 2015, but were not included in the *Code of Federal Regulations* published on October 1, 2011. A specific list of these amendments can be developed and provided upon request.