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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

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SUBJECT: **1) PHMSA Final Rule “Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Repair Criteria, Integrity Management Improvements, Cathodic Protection, Management of Change and Other Related Amendments”**

2) PSC Rule Amendment Status, GX-2022-0340

3) PHMSA Notification Inviting Public Comments on a Proposed One-Time Information Collection

1) PHMSA Final Rule “Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Repair Criteria, Integrity Management Improvements, Cathodic Protection, Management of Change and Other Related Amendments”

The final rule published in the August 24, 2022 *Federal Register* becomes effective on May 24, 2023. A copy may be obtained at the link below, or by contacting a PSC Staff member.

[2022-17031.pdf \(govinfo.gov\)](#)

In its summary of the rule, PHMSA states that it is revising the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations to improve the safety of onshore gas transmission pipelines. This final rule addresses several lessons learned following the Pacific Gas and Electric Company incident that occurred in San Bruno, CA, on September 9, 2010, and responds to public input received as part of the rulemaking process. The amendments in this final rule clarify certain integrity management provisions, codify

a management of change process, update and bolster gas transmission pipeline corrosion control requirements, require operators to inspect pipelines following extreme weather events, strengthen integrity management assessment requirements, adjust the repair criteria for high consequence areas, create new repair criteria for non-high consequence areas, and revise or create specific definitions related to the above amendments.

2) PSC Rule Amendment Status, GX-2022-0340

On September 1, 2022, proposed amendments to 20 CSR 4240-40.020 Incident, Annual and Safety-Related Condition Reporting Requirements and 20 CSR 4240-40.030 – Safety Standards – Transportation of Gas by Pipeline were published in the *Missouri Register*. A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be obtained at the link below, or by contacting a PSC Staff member.

[Missouri Secretary of State: Register \(mo.gov\)](http://www.psc.mo.gov/register)

Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment with the Missouri Public Service Commission, 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360, Jefferson City MO 65102-0360. To be considered, comments must be received no later than October 1, 2022, and should include a reference to Commission Case No. GX-2022-0340. Comments may also be submitted via a filing using the commission’s electronic filing and information system at <http://www.psc.mo.gov/efis.asp>.

A public hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., October 4, 2022, in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison St., Jefferson City, Missouri. Interested persons may appear at this hearing to submit additional comments and/or testimony in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment, and may be asked to respond to commission questions.

3) PHMSA Notification Inviting Public Comments on a Proposed One-Time Information Collection

PHMSA issued a *Federal Register* notification inviting public comments on its intent to request Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a new, one-time information collection titled: “Voluntary Adoption of API RP 1173 for Gas Distribution Systems.” The proposed information collection would provide data necessary to prepare the report required by Section 205 of the Protecting Our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety (PIPES) Act of 2020 for gas distribution systems.

A copy of the *Federal Register* notification inviting comments may be found at:

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-09-06/pdf/2022-19094.pdf>.

Please contact a PSC Staff member if you would like a copy but are unable to download.

A copy of the proposed information collection questions and instructions, Form PHMSA GD-SMS-2022, may be found at Regulations.gov, Docket PHMSA–2022–0060, and is also attached.