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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

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SUBJECT: **1) Proposed Rule Amendments**
2) 2022 PHMSA Annual Reports for Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission

1) Proposed Rule Amendments

Proposed amendments to the Commission's pipeline safety rules in 20 CSR 4240-40.020 and .030 are described in the *Staff Motion to Establish Working Case* ("Motion"; copy attached).

The Commission opened Case No. **GW-2023-0272** on March 8, 2023, to serve as a repository for documents and comments on the proposed amendments. As noted in the Commission Order (copy attached), anyone with an interest in this matter may view documents and submit any pertinent responsive comments or documents. Any stakeholder wishing to submit written comments regarding the rule amendments should do so no later than April 3, 2023.

The proposed amendments are discussed in the following attachments to the Motion:

Attachment A to the Motion describes Staff's proposal to adopt the following final amendments to the federal pipeline safety regulations:

- Requirement of Valve Installation and Minimum Rupture Detection Standards.
- Technical Corrections to Safety of Gas Gathering Pipelines, Extension of Reporting Requirements, Regulation of Large, High Pressure Lines, and Other related Amendments: Response to a Petition for Reconsideration; Technical Corrections; Issuance of Limited Enforcement Discretion.

- Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Repair Criteria, Integrity Management Improvements, Cathodic Protection, Management of Change, and Other Related Amendments.

Attachment B to the Motion describes amendments Staff is proposing to 20 CSR 4240-40.020 that are in addition to the federal amendments described in Attachment A. These include proposals to:

- Adjust the reporting threshold for Missouri Incidents as defined in 20 CSR 4240-40.020 (4)(A)1. for inflation.
- Amend the definition of Missouri Incident in 20 CSR 4240-40.020(4)(A)1. to:
 - Simplify personal injury determination.
 - Adjust the monetary reporting threshold for inflation.
 - Replace the cost of gas lost in the monetary reporting threshold with other reporting criteria.
- Update references to current reporting form revisions.

Attachment C to the Motion describes amendments Staff is proposing to 20 CSR 4240-40.030 that are in addition to the federal amendments described in Attachment A. These include proposals to:

- Include First Class mail as a delivery option for excavator education mailings required under 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(I)3.B.
- Reorganize and amend 20 CSR 4240-40.030(2)(B) to address composite materials which may be used for pipe in Type C gathering lines.
- Clarify the information to be provided in public awareness notifications required under 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(K)1.
- Include a reference to the definition of “replaced service line” in 20 CSR 4240-40.030(8)(Q)2.
- Add test duration as a record to be retained for service line pressure tests required under 20 CSR 4240-40.030(10)(I)2.
- Add a requirement to retain records of tie-in leak tests required under 20 CSR 4240-40.030(10)(B)4.
- Correct typographical errors in the table under 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(M)1.C.

2) 2022 PHMSA Annual Reports for Gas Distribution and Gas Transmission

The 2022 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, 2023. 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 Kathleen McNelis, Missouri Public Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Suite 600, Jefferson City, MO 65102.