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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

SUBJECT: 1) MANGO General Meeting  
2) Issues with Perfection Tapping Tees  
3) Issues with SHRIMP and Reporting Mechanical Fitting Failures  
4) Staff Telephone List Update

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1) **MANGO General Meeting**

The next MANGO general meeting has been set for 10:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, October 3, 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. If you have suggested discussion items, please contact a MANGO Board Member or the MoPSC Staff.

**Possible discussion items include:**

- To be determined

2) **Issues with Perfection Tapping Tees**

Staff has been made aware of problems with Perfection Tapping Tees in several other states. Based on verbal reports, preliminary investigation suggests a problem with Perfection Tapping Tees. The problem may be associated with the failure of the internal cutter to effectively cut the pipe coupon without deforming the top of the pipe. It appears, in some cases, as a result of inefficient cutting action, the top of the pipe is deformed as the cutter attempts to push down and cut the pipe. When this occurs, the O-Ring seal loosens

contact and allows a path to atmosphere. The manufacturer is aware of the issue. Please inform Staff if you have encountered any such problems with Perfection Tapping Tees.

**3) Issues with SHRIMP and Reporting Mechanical Fitting Failures**

It has come to Staff's attention that the deadline SHRIMP gives for submitting mechanical fitting failures is wrong. In Chapter 9: Reporting, under Mechanical Fitting Failures, the plan states that "mechanical fitting failures will be sent to the PHMSA Information Resource Manager on the mechanical fitting failure report (Form 7100.1-2) either periodically as these failures occur or aggregated into one or more submissions made no later than March 31 of the following calendar year after the fitting failures." This statement should say the mechanical fittings failure reports should be made no later than March 15 of the following calendar year after the failures. Staff is **not** asking that a new plan be resubmitted, but wanted to make clear that **the deadline for Mechanical Fitting Failure Reports is March 15**. The makers of SHRIMP have been made aware of this problem, and the plan should be fixed automatically whenever a reprint of the plan is made.

**4) Staff Telephone List Update**

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Steve Fischer effective August 1, 2012. We are happy for Steve that he is able to retire after 33 years of dedicated service with the Public Service Commission, but saddened to lose such a quality individual from the Staff. Please see the enclosed updated Telephone List reflecting our current Staff.

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

Sincerely,

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