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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

FROM: Bob Leonberger, Missouri Public Service Commission

SUBJECT: 1) Pipeline Safety Seminar

2) 2015 MANGO Board Member Ballot

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4) New Staff

### Pipeline Safety Seminar - Wednesday June 24 - Friday June 26, 2015

The annual Pipeline Safety Seminar is rapidly approaching and plans for the event are in progress. The Missouri Association of Natural Gas Operators (MANGO) members are working hard to finalize an agenda that is both informative and interesting. In addition to the Seminar schedule, various natural gas related product vendors will set up displays (inside and outside) and will have representatives available to answer your questions. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. on June 24 (**Wednesday**), with lunch on your own (there are several restaurants in the hotel), and the Seminar will start at 1:00 p.m. Check-in to the hotel will be assigned as accommodations become available. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be provided Thursday and Friday, dinner will be provided on Wednesday, and lunch and dinner will be provided on Thursday. This will be a beneficial training and educational opportunity for all natural gas operators and your participation is highly encouraged. The registration fee is \$90.00 per person. MANGO is also offering a one-day only registration for \$50.00 per person.

Also, MANGO is offering a hands-on training class on Valve Maintenance/Inspection. The course is free and will begin the morning of Thursday, June 25, 2015, for half a day in the morning.

The seminar will be held at Tan-Tar-A Resort, 494 Tan-Tar-A Drive, Osage Beach, Missouri and a special seminar room rate of \$100 + \$5 resort fee + taxes is being offered. Please make your reservation at 800/826-8272 or e-mail at <a href="https://www.tan-tar-a.com">www.tan-tar-a.com</a> by May 26, 2015 and mention that you will be attending the MANGO Pipeline Safety Seminar. Rooms are on a first come, first

serve basis. Reservations should be for rooms in buildings A and E and check-in time is 4:00 p.m. Rooms may be available earlier, however, there will be space to store luggage.

For your information and planning, a Registration Information Sheet, Operator Registration Form (Valve class registration is located on the Operator Registration Form) and hotel information can be found on the MANGO website (<a href="www.mangowp.org">www.mangowp.org</a>). The finalized agenda will be available at a later date by e-mail or website. If you need further information, please contact Theresa Hartigan at (816)509-6370 or email at <a href="mailto:Theresa.Hartigan@thelacledegroup.com">Theresa.Hartigan@thelacledegroup.com</a> PSC Staff and the MANGO Executive Committee are looking forward to seeing you at the Seminar. Please make arrangements to attend without delay.

#### 2015 MANGO Board Ballot

Please find enclosed a 2015 Board Member Election Official Ballot. Please vote for three of the nominated candidates listed on the ballot and return to the address indicated on the ballot before May 12, 2015.

#### **MANGO** Resource Directory

In addition, the MANGO board has indicated that they would like to update the MANGO Resource Directory and encourage operators to review the Directory on the website and send any updates to Roger Rector at <a href="mailto:rector@gommu.com">rector@gommu.com</a>

#### **New Staff Members**

Please join us in welcoming Brian Buchanan, and Aaron Archer to the Safety/Engineering Staff. Brian was formerly a Construction/Materials Inspector with Central Missouri Professional Services, and began his position with us on April 20, 2015. Aaron began his position with us on April 27, 2015 and came to us from the Commission's Water and Sewer Department.

An updated Staff Telephone List reflecting the above-noted Staff change will be available on the MANGO website at mangowp.org.

# Missouri Association of Natural Gas Operators 2015 Board Member Election Official Ballot

Every year, two of the six MANGO Board members term expire. Board members serve for a three-year term. The MANGO by-laws require an election to choose two new board members each year. This year the by-laws have been amended to allow the inclusion of a seventh member position on to the Board. This person will also serve a three-year term. This year the retiring board members are Tom Delia – Laclede Gas and Scott Black – Ameren.

Please vote for <u>three</u> of the nominated candidates below. You may feel free to write in a candidate if you so choose. Please return your ballot to Tom Delia by email, mail or by fax. Ballots must be received by Tuesday, May 12, 2015. The new board members will be introduced at the Annual Conference.

#### Erin Milkert - Laclede Gas Company

Erin has been with Laclede Gas Company since 2008 and is currently a Maintenance Engineer III in the Pipeline Safety Compliance Department, where she works as a liaison with the Public Service Commission and is heavily involved with the company's replacement programs and data gathering for PHMSA and MPSC annual reports and other regulatory affair issues. She is knowledgeable in gas operations, compliance, GIS, and work management systems. In addition to representing Laclede at prior Ten Company meetings, Erin was responsible for organizing the 2014 meeting at Laclede's headquarters in St. Louis.

Erin graduated in 2007 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University Missouri – Columbia, where she was a team member on the Mizzou Solar Car Project. Erin is also a certified EIT in the state of Missouri. Her previous responsibilities with Laclede included work in the Project Engineering Group where she was involved with regulator station design. She has been married for 6 years and has one son, Owen.

## **David Zak** – Ameren, Missouri Gas Operations

Dave started with Ameren in 1995 as a meter reader. He became a gas journeyman in 1999 and a gas chief in Feb. 2001. He promoted into management in May 2001 as a gas trainer. He has been in training and qualification up to his current role as Superintendent Gas Construction & Operations. Over his years with Ameren in Illinois and Missouri, he has built a quality apprentice training program, operator qualification program and welding program. He currently leads all gas training and operator qualifications for all of Ameren Missouri. He has also represented Ameren at various ICC and MANGO conferences providing presentations on topics such as working with blowing gas, gas safety, and conducting leak investigations. Dave is also involved in AGA as a member of the Utility and Field Services Committee and is participating in the Peer Review Program.

#### Martha Davis – Summit Natural Gas of Missouri

Martha Davis is the Director, Regulatory Affairs for Summit Natural Gas of Missouri, Inc. Martha has previously held various positions in the regulatory and government affairs fields including: Policy Analyst for the Missouri Public Service Commission; Legislative Coordinator for the Missouri Department of Revenue, Taxation Division; Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee; and the U.S. House of Representatives. Martha has a B.A. Political Science from Westminster College in Fulton, MO; completed a Public Law program at American University in Washington, D.C.; and a M.P.A. Public Affairs from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Martha currently serves on the Summit Utilities, Inc. Leadership Committee; is highly active with the Missouri Energy Development Association (MEDA) including serving on the MEDA Legislative, Regulatory, Education, Communications and Tax Committees and the MEDA Supplier Diversity Task Force; member of the American Gas Association (AGA) State Affairs and FERC Regulatory Affairs Committees; Advisory Board Member of the Financial Research Institute (FRI); and also currently participates in the Missouri Governor's Comprehensive State Energy Plan (CSEP) Working Groups for Energy Distribution and Storage; Energy Usage; and Energy Pricing and Rate Setting.

## Kevin Fightmaster – Missouri Gas Energy

Kevin Fightmaster is the Lead Fire Investigator for Missouri Gas Energy with 42 years in the natural gas business. Kevin instructs local, state, and Federal first responders on natural gas safety and his course has been approved for recertification CEUs by the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.

Kevin is the past chair of the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC) for the greater Kansas City 5-county area, past board member of the Kansas City Arson Task Force (KCATF), past board member of the Professional Fire & Fraud Investigators Association (PFFIA), member of National Association of Fire Investigators (NAFI), member of the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI), associate member of the American Society of Heating Refrigeration Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), lifetime member of the National Safety Council Certified Utility Safety Administrator (CUSA), previous Chief Fire Instructor for Missouri Gas Energy Fire School in St. Joseph, MO.

Kevin now serves as voting board member of the Mid America Regional Council Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), voting board member of the Mid America Regional Council Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Committee (RHSCC), certified Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) instructor.

# Remember, Please vote for three candidates! One Ballot per Member Company

Mail, Email (preferred), or Fax your ballot by Tuesday, May 12, 2015 to:

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