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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators
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SUBJECT: **1) GW-2021-0272**

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On February 26, 2021, Commission Staff filed a motion to request the Commission open a working docket for the purposes of updating the Commission's gas safety rules to reflect recent U.S. Department of Transportation rule changes. Staff also requested the Commission open the working docket to further consider proposals to amend the Commission's gas safety rules to reconsider certain customer inspection requirements in 20 CSR 4240-40.030(12)(S)1.B. and include a requirement that operators make certain leak information publicly available. A copy of the proposed amendments to Commission's gas safety rules to reflect recent U.S. Department of Transportation rule changes is included with Staff's February 26, 2021 motion.

On March 10, 2021, the Commission opened a working case to review and collect comments about proposed amendments to the Commission's gas safety rules. The Commission invited stakeholders to offer written comments regarding Staff's draft rule amendments and about the costs of complying with such rule amendments. Those comments are to be filed no later than April 9, 2021.

On March 19, 2021, Staff filed a motion seeking additional comments regarding other proposed amendments to the gas safety rules. In particular, Staff asked for comments regarding possible amendment of the existing rule that requires visual inspections of accessible customer gas piping and connected equipment when customers are reluctant to allow access to their homes. In addition, Staff asks for comments about a proposal to require gas operators to make information about the location of leaks available to the public. Attachments were provided with questions.

On March 22, 2021, the Commission ordered that the natural gas providers identified in Attachment D to Staff's motion shall respond to the questions posed in Attachment A and Attachment B to Staff's Motion. Such responses shall be filed no later than May 6, 2021.

A copy of each document filed in this case as of March 22, 2021 is attached. The schedule for written comments and responses for natural gas operators is as follows:

- April 9, 2021: Comments regarding cost of compliance with proposed amendments to update the Commission's gas safety rules to reflect recent U.S. Department of Transportation rule changes (any anticipated costs these amendments may have outside of costs already imposed by complying with federal rule).
- May 6, 2021: Responses to the questions posed in Attachment A and Attachment B.

Please note that the responses due by May 6, 2021 are required (the Commission ordered responses).

Questions regarding submission requirements and how to file responses in File No. GW-2021-0272 using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) should be directed to:

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