

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by internet and audio conference on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

In the Matter of the Establishment of a Working Case for the Development of State-Wide Best Practices for Locating Quality Assurance ) ) **File No. GW-2021-0355** ) )

**ORDER OPENING A WORKING CASE TO ASSIST IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF STATE-WIDE BEST PRACTICES FOR QUALITY  
ASSURANCE RELATED TO PREVENTION OF EXCAVATION DAMAGE  
TO NATURAL GAS PIPELINES**

Issue Date: April 28, 2021

Effective Date: April 28, 2021

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a motion on April 20, 2021, asking the Commission to open a working case to collect stakeholder comments and suggestions regarding locating practices to reduce the amount of pipeline damage in Missouri resulting from insufficient locating practices. Staff is undertaking this review pursuant to a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportations' Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA). At the end of the review, Staff will submit a final summary document to compile best practices for locating quality assurance. That document will be distributed to natural gas pipeline operators and will be made available through this case to other stakeholders and the public.

As part of the review process, Staff asks that stakeholders be invited to participate in a virtual workshop meeting to be held via Webex on June 17, 2021. Staff also asks the Commission to provide notice of the establishment of this working case, and an invitation to the workshop meeting to the stakeholders identified by Staff.

The Commission will establish this working case as requested by Staff. This file will serve as a repository for documents and comments. Using this file, anyone with an interest in this matter may view documents and may submit any pertinent responsive comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, anyone may file a comment without counsel and without *ex parte* constraints (arising from this matter). Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

The public is welcome to submit comments by forwarding electronic communications through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments. You may submit electronic comments at the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>. (Click on the Access EFIS link on the right side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please refer to File No. GW-2021-0355). Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference File No. GW-2021-0355. The public can view the contents of the file by following the same link at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. This case is established as a repository for documents and comments regarding development of state-wide best practices for locating quality assurance to reduce the amount of pipeline damage in Missouri resulting from insufficient locating practices.
2. The Commission's data center shall provide a copy of this order, and a copy of Staff's motion, to the stakeholders identified in the service list attached to Staff's motion.
3. Stakeholders and the public are invited to participate in a virtual workshop meeting to be held via Webex on June 17, 2021. Staff will provide further details about the workshop meeting and how to participate as the date for that meeting approaches.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and Holsman CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge