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TO: Missouri Natural Gas Operators

FROM: Kathleen McNelis, Pipeline Safety Program Manager

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**SUBJECT: 1) Status of Commission adoption of federal amendments
2) Dura-Line pipe customer notification and questions
3) MANGO Fall General Meeting - October 20, 2020
4) New Staff member**

1) Status of Commission adoption of federal amendments

Proposed amendments to Commission rules adopting federal amendments (see listing below) were published in the August 2, 2021 Missouri Register, pages 1460- 1478.

[Missouri Secretary of State: Register \(mo.gov\).](#)

Written comments may be provided in Case GX-2021-0406 through September 1, 2021. A rulemaking hearing is scheduled at 10 a.m. on September 7, 2021 in Room 310 of the Governor's Office Building.

The proposed amendments to Commission rules address the following federal amendments:

Amendment 191-26 and 192-125: Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: MAOP Reconfirmation, Expansion of Assessment Requirements, and Other Related Amendments

Amendment 191-27: Pipeline Safety: Safety of Underground Natural Gas Storage Facilities

Amendment 192-127: Pipeline Safety: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: MAOP Reconfirmation, Expansion of Assessment Requirements, and Other Related Amendments: Response to a Joint Petition for Reconsideration

Amendment 191-28: Pipeline Safety: Safety of Underground Natural Gas Storage Facilities; Correction

2) Dura-Line pipe customer notification and questions

It has come to Staff's attention that a manufacturing issue at a Dura-Line plant has resulted in a reduced wall thickness defect affecting an unknown quantity of small diameter (specifically ½-inch to 1 1/2 –inch) natural gas distribution (NGD) pipe. Staff further understands that Dura-Line customers have been made aware of the issue in a series of customer updates. Specifically, the pipe in question has, in many instances, proven to have been manufactured with thin and insufficient wall thickness.

In a July 28, 2021 update to customers, Dura-Line recommended several options for customers having installed this pipe. However, it is unclear to Staff if these recommendations would address the rule requirements of 20 CSR 4240-40.030(2)(D) to use only plastic pipe manufactured in accordance with a listed specification, 20 CSR 4240-40.030(3)(I) Design of Plastic Pipe based on factors including wall thickness, or the listed pipe specifications in Appendix B of 20 CSR 4240-40.030.

Staff will therefore be sending a separate questionnaire to each operator seeking additional information related to the installation of Dura-Line pipe.

3) MANGO Fall General Meeting - October 20, 2021

The MANGO Fall General Meeting is currently scheduled as an in-person meeting on October 20, 2021 at 10 AM in Jefferson City. The meeting will be on the 4th floor in the Ballroom (Room 450) of the Governor Office Building (GOB). The PSC Staff and MANGO board members look forward to seeing you then. Staff will provide an update prior to this meeting in the event of any change (e.g. if meeting will be held remotely).

4) New Staff member

Please join us in welcoming Robert Clay to the Safety Engineering Department Staff. Robert is a Chemical Engineer and has previous experience with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). An updated Staff phone contact list is provided with this letter.

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20 CSR 4240-40.020, Section 4

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