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JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's go ahead and get started. This is the public hearing regarding proposed rules prepared by the Staff of the Commission regarding natural gas safety. The subject rules are 20 CSR 4240-40.020, .030, .033 and .080.

The Commission has already received written comments on this from Staff. The comments were due on February 14. Staff's comments were the only written comments that were filed. We're here now as provided in the published proposed rules for a hearing for a chance for the public to offer any additional comments.

Looking around the room, I see only Staff is here again.

Ms. Myers, if you want to go ahead and make comments on behalf of Staff or if individuals of Staff want to make comments, that's fine too.

MS. MYERS: Thank you, Judge. Jamie Myers on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. As noted, we filed comments in this case. We also became aware of a public comment that was filed on February 20 in this case file. Staff just wanted to make note that we've already started the process of reaching out to take a look at some of the concerns that were mentioned in that public comment, as well as --

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Was the public comment in

1 EFIS?

2 MS. MYERS: Yes, and it was actually in the
3 public comment section.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I hadn't checked that but I
5 will check that. Who was it from?

6 MS. MYERS: It was from a residential
7 individual.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Can you summarize what
9 it was about?

10 MS. MYERS: Sure, I can give you just
11 generally what the public comment is. Expressed some
12 concern about gas leaks in the neighborhood and urged
13 the Commission to create new rules requiring more
14 transparency, asking for the Commission to require
15 Missouri gas utilities to put maps of known leaks on
16 their website. And so what Staff has done is we've
17 taken a look at that comment. Our safety engineering
18 department has reached out and will be taking a look at
19 the noted area of where this comment mentioned leaks, as
20 well as in terms of the rule suggestion for required
21 maps, that's something that would take a lot more
22 stakeholder input and so that's something we would take
23 into advisement in our next gas safety rule update which
24 will be forthcoming relatively soon.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Maps tend to be fairly

1 confidential also. Is that a concern?

2 MS. MYERS: That's something else we'd be
3 looking at, you know, in terms of confidentiality, the
4 feasibility of something like that. It's something that
5 we would need more stakeholder input, as well as more
6 research on Staff's part.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That being you don't
8 necessarily want everyone in the world to know exactly
9 where the gas lines are.

10 MS. MYERS: Exactly.

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: For terrorism and security
12 concerns. Is there anything else Staff wanted to add?

13 MS. MYERS: No. With that, Staff is available
14 if the Commission has additional questions. But other
15 than that, we still recommend that the Commission go
16 forward with the rules that were published on January
17 15.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Is that all for Staff then?

19 MS. MYERS: Yes.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Does anyone else in the room
21 wish to make a comment? Okay. With that then, we are
22 adjourned.

23 (Off the record.)
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