

In the Matter of the Proposed Amendment of the Commission's Rules

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Hearing before:

Public Service Commission

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
STATE OF MISSOURI

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Tuesday, October 4, 2022  
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Amendment of the Commission's        ) File No. GX-2022-0340  
Rules Relating to Natural Gas         )  
Safety                                        )

CHARLES HATCHER, Presiding  
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 The following proceedings began at 10:00 a.m.:

2 JUDGE HATCHER: Let's go on the record. Today  
3 is October 4, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. We are in Room 310 of  
4 the Governor Office Building.

5 The Public Service Commission has set this  
6 time to receive public comment on a proposed rulemaking.  
7 That file is captioned In the Matter of the Proposed  
8 Amendment of the Commission's Rules Relating to Natural  
9 Gas Safety. This is File No. GX-2022-0340.

10 These rules were published in the Missouri  
11 Register, the September 1, 2022, Volume 47, No. 17 at  
12 pages 1316 to 1334. The two rules at issue in this  
13 hearing are 20 CSR 4240-40.020 titled Incident, Annual,  
14 and Safety-Related Condition Reporting Requirements and  
15 20 CSR 4240-40.030 titled Safety Standards --  
16 Transportation of Gas by Pipeline.

17 These amendments generally incorporate federal  
18 reporting requirements from 49 CFR 191 and 192 that have  
19 not previously been adopted by Missouri into this  
20 chapter. My name is Charles Hatcher, and I am the  
21 Regulatory Law Judge conducting this hearing. Before we  
22 take comments, let's have the attorneys present make  
23 their entries of appearance. We'll start with Staff.

24 MS. MYERS: Good morning, Judge. Jamie Myers  
25 appearing on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public

1 Service Commission.

2 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you. And are there any  
3 other counsel that would like to make their entry of  
4 appearance on the record? Hearing none.

5 This is not a contested case. So there will  
6 be no cross-examination from the parties. The  
7 Commission may however ask some questions of the  
8 witnesses. If you do provide comments, please make sure  
9 to state your name and position. We'll go ahead and  
10 start. Are there any public comments for these two  
11 proposed rulemakings? The bench is hearing no  
12 volunteers.

13 Let us proceed to Staff to see if they want to  
14 offer any comments.

15 MS. MYERS: Thank you, Judge. Staff had filed  
16 comments in this matter on Friday, September 30. In  
17 those comments we generally stated we support the  
18 revisions to the rules that were published in the  
19 Missouri Register on September 1, 2022. But we do have  
20 some slight revisions to those published versions which  
21 we have provided our suggestions in our filed comments.

22 With me here today I have Kathleen McNelis and  
23 John Kottwitz, both of our safety engineering department  
24 who can answer any questions that the Commission may  
25 have or any other participants may have. Other than

1 that, our comments are contained within our filed  
2 comments. Thank you.

3 JUDGE HATCHER: Thank you very much, Counsel.  
4 I'll ask if there are any questions from the  
5 Commissioners for either of Staff's witnesses? And  
6 hearing none, the bench also doesn't have any questions.

7 Again, this is a hearing for public comment on  
8 two proposed rulemakings. I will just ask once again if  
9 there are any public comments?

10 Okay. Sometimes that happens. The  
11 rulemakings can be riveting interesting topics, but  
12 sometimes people don't want to come testify about that.  
13 So let's go ahead. And hearing no public comments, are  
14 there any other issues or matters that need to be  
15 addressed before we adjourn?

16 MS. MYERS: None from Staff, Your Honor.

17 JUDGE HATCHER: Excellent. Then this hearing  
18 is adjourned and we will go off the record.

19 (Thereupon, the hearing adjourned at 10:04  
20 a.m.)

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Dated this 10th day of October, 2022.

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