

In the Matter of:

AN UPDATE OF THE COMMISSION'S GAS SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION RULES, etc.

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of the Commission's Gas)
Safety and Transportation) File No. GX-2021-0406
Rules to Incorporate Current)
Federal Reporting Requirements)

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, STATE OF MISSOURI

RULEMAKING HEARING

Appearing in person:

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

Jamie Myers, PSC Staff Office

Kathleen McNellis, PSC Staff Office

John Kottwitz, PSC Staff Office

Appearing via Webex:

Commissioner Maida Coleman

Jermaine Grubbs, Ameren Missouri

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PROCEEDINGS

THE COURT: Good morning. Today is September 7, 2021, and the current time is 10:00 a.m.

This is a hybrid hearing being held via WebEx and in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building. Because of the ongoing issues involving the COVID 19 pandemic, I'm going to ask that you social distance as much as possible for those of you that are here live, and it is recommended that you wear a mask. Please provide comments from where you're seated if you're at a table with a microphone. If you're not at a table with a microphone and you would like to move to one with a microphone, we appear to have a few open. And if you're going to speak, be sure your microphone is on. That's the little green light.

If you wish to give comments from the podium, please sanitize your hands -- there's a bottle of hand sanitizer up there -- before using the microphone.

And also because this is a hybrid hearing, please mute your WebEx or your phone if you are

1 not speaking. If you are using a phone, to unmute
2 yourself, you will have to dial star six.

3 Now, the Commission has set aside this time
4 today for a rulemaking hearing in the file
5 captioned as In the Matter of an Update of the
6 Commission's Gas Safety and Transportation Rules
7 to Incorporate Current Federal Reporting
8 Requirements, and that is file number
9 GX-2021-0406.

10 Now, these rules were published in the
11 Missouri Register on August 2, 2021. That's
12 Volume 46, No. 15, and these proposed amendments
13 appeared on pages 1460 through 1478.

14 There are five commissioners on the
15 Commission, and today I see we have with us
16 Commissioner Maida Coleman, who is attending the
17 hearing.

18 Now, the subject of today's hearing, the
19 three proposed amendments are 20 CSR 4240-40.020,
20 Incident, Annual, and Safety-Related Condition
21 Reporting Requirements, 20 CSR 4240-40.030, Safety
22 Standards-Transportation of Gas by Pipeline, and
23 20 CSR 4240-40.080, Drug and Alcohol Testing.

24 I'm going to remind you that if you're
25 offering comments today please use the microphone.

1 My name is John Clark. I'm the regulatory
2 law judge conducting this hearing. I'm going to
3 begin by asking the parties to enter their
4 appearance. On behalf of the staff of the
5 commission?

6 MS. MYERS: Thank you, Judge. Good morning.
7 Jamie Myers appearing on behalf of the staff of
8 the Missouri Public Service Commission. My
9 address is 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360,
10 Jefferson City Missouri, 65101.

11 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Myers.

12 Is there anybody else present who is going to
13 be offering comments today?

14 MS. GRUBBS: Good morning, Your Honor.
15 Jermaine Grubbs on behalf of Ameren Missouri. My
16 address is 1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis,
17 Missouri 63103. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Grubbs.

19 Is there anybody else I have not called?
20 Okay. I see no one here and I hear no responses.

21 Now, this is not a contested case, so there
22 is no cross-examination for the parties; however,
23 the Commissioner may, if she wishes, ask questions
24 of anybody offering comments. Now, if you offer
25 comments, please -- because this is a hybrid

1 hearing, please preface your comments by giving
2 your name. Now for the order of comments, I will
3 start with Ameren Missouri.

4 MS. GRUBBS: Good morning, Your Honor. I
5 just wanted to say on behalf of Ameren Missouri
6 that we support these rule changes, appreciate the
7 Commission and staff especially taking our
8 comments and minor corrections into account. So
9 this is really just a general statement in
10 support. So thank you.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Grubbs.
12 There were no other comments specific to any
13 particular rule by Ameren Missouri?

14 MS. GRUBBS: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. I will move on to the
16 Commission staff. Ms. Myers?

17 MS. MYERS: Thank you, Judge. The staff
18 filed comments in this case file on September 1st
19 supporting these three rule amendments. We do not
20 have any additional comments to provide today
21 beyond those filed comments. However, if there
22 are questions from the bench or from the
23 commissioner, in addition to myself being here, we
24 have Kathleen McNellis and John Kottwitz, who are
25 both of our Gas Safety Department.

1 THE COURT: Let me see if the Commission has
2 any questions.

3 Commissioner Coleman, did you have any
4 questions that you wanted to ask of staff or the
5 company?

6 MS. MYERS: No questions. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Thank you, Commissioner.

8 I don't have any questions either since this
9 is a fairly straightforward set of amendments to
10 adopt required federal standards to maintain our
11 gas pipeline safety program.

12 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: And, Judge, to save
13 you some time, I'll just jump in. If I have
14 questions, I'll let you know. Okay.

15 THE COURT: Okay. I think we're getting
16 ready to end the hearing.

17 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: I thought so, but I
18 just wanted to make sure you knew that.

19 THE COURT: I appreciate that. That's always
20 a little easier than me having to stop and ask
21 each time. Thank you very much.

22 Okay. I'll ask one last time: Is there
23 anybody else who would like to offer a comment
24 regarding these proposed rule amendments at this
25 time? I received no responses, and it appears

1 we're done with the comments and responses. Are
2 there any other issues or matters that need to be
3 addressed by the Commission at this time? Hearing
4 none, I will thank everyone for their
5 participation today, adjourn this hearing, and we
6 will go off the record.


7 Thank you very much for your attendance.

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