

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 27th day of
April, 2011.

In the Matter of a Repository File
Regarding Staff's Report On
The Pipeline Safety Program

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File No. GS-2011-0264

**ORDER ACCEPTING STAFF'S REPORT AND OPENING A
REPOSITORY FILE**

Issue Date: April 27, 2011

Effective Date: April 27, 2011

The Commission's Gas Safety Staff has prepared a report assessing the state of the Gas Safety Program in Missouri. The report discusses pipeline replacement programs, federal and state safety regulations, and the Commission's enhanced inspection efforts. The report concludes with recommendations to improve Missouri's Gas Safety Program.

Staff offers the following recommendations:

- Staff will continue to monitor implementation of, and compliance with, the U.S. Department of Transportation – Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Transmission Pipelines Integrity Management Program (Gas IM).
- Staff will evaluate operator plans that will be developed and implemented pursuant to the U.S. Department of Transportation – Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP). Once implemented, Staff will continue to monitor the plans, review

operations and applicability during inspections, and make recommendations for changes in areas that need improvement.

- Staff recommends the Commission introduce proposed excavation damage prevention legislation to make revisions to Chapter 319 to add provisions related to Commission investigation of possible violations by gas corporations, gas pipelines and municipal gas systems subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for safety purposes and to improve damage notification and reporting efforts.
- Staff recommends the Commission promulgate rulemakings to adopt amendments to the Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations; require "real-time" reporting of each known "damage event"; require quarterly reporting of excavation notices received from the notification center; require implementation of performance measures applicable to all persons that perform underground facility marking; and require the implementation of quality assurance programs.
- Reevaluate replacement programs and review older vintage cast iron natural gas pipeline facilities with the possible goal of initiating specific long-term replacement programs.
- Create an educational brochure or consumer bill of rights for landowners with property near high consequence area pipelines.

The Commission will accept Staff's report. This file shall serve as a repository and will afford the public easy access to the report. As Staff undertakes preliminary work to

implement the recommendations contained in this report it may add additional documents and information to this file.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission accepts Staff's Pipeline Safety Program Report.
2. This case is established as a repository for that report and for additional documents and information relating to the implementation of the recommendations included in that report.
3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Gunn, Chm., Clayton, Davis, Jarrett,
and Kenney, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge