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Subject:

Request For Comments On Suggested Changes To Gas Standard

A-34.1, General Requirements for Work Reportable to the

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Attached for your review and comments is a "mark up" of Gas Standard # A-34.1, General Requirements for Work Reportable to the CPUC.

The objective of this revision is to:

- 1. update references to 49 CFR 192.
- 2. eliminate the 7 day notice requirement, and
- 3. add the E-Mail address for CPUC Reportable Work Updates.

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Is it possible to get your comments by May 9, 1997? If you have any questions, please contact me at



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General Requirements Work Reportable to the CPUC

Thirty-Day Written Notification Reports to the CPUC

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Response to Your Comments on Proposed Changes to GS&S A-

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In response to your comments regarding estimated construction and uprate dates for work reportable to the CPUC under Sections 125 and 126 of GO-112E, it is my understanding that California gas operators are not required to provide estimated start dates to the CPUC, as shown in Attachment I.

Since this information is provided at our discretion, and since it is labeled "Estimated" anyway, I conclude that there is no obligation upon a gas operator to update that information, if it significantly changes. Therefore, there is no need to continue the administratively-heavy 7 day notification procedure. The changes to Section 4.D. do allow project engineers to communicate significant changes in scope and start dates as they occur.

As you suggested, I have also substituted "Gas Distribution" for "Gas Distribution Department."

To align the Standard more closely to the requirements in GO-112E, I have also made some changes to the list of required information to be submitted for the reportable construction work and the uprates (Attachment II). Your comments on the new changes are appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact me at



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PROPOSED INSTALLATION REPORT 125

At least 30 days prior to the construction of a new pipeline, or the reconstruction or reconditioning of an existing pipeline, to be operated at hoop stresses of 20 percent or more of the specified minimum yield strength of the pipe used, a report shall be filed with the commission setting forth the proposed route and general specifications for such pipeline. The specifications shall include but not be limited to the following

(a)

- Description and purpose of the proposed pipeline.

 Specifications covering the pipe selected for installation, route map segregating incorporated areas, class locations and design factors, terrain profile sketches indicating maximum and minimum (b) elevations for each test section of pipeline, and, when applicable, reasons for use of casing or bridging where the minimum cover will be less than specified in 192.327.
- Maximum allowable operating pressure for which the line is being constructed (c)
- Fluid and pressure to be used during proof strength testing.
- (e) Protection of pipeline from hazards as indicated in 192.317 and 192.319.
- Protection of pipeline from external corrosion. (f)
- Estimated cost with supporting detail.

For utilities with less than 50,000 services in the state of California according to the Annual DOT Report, Form RSPA F 7100.1-1 that is required by 49 CFR 191.11, the Proposed Installation Report shall be submitted to the Commission for any installation that is estimated to cost \$1,000,000 or more. The Annual DOT Report referenced above shall be the report for the previous year to the proposed installation.

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125.2 During strength testing of a pipeline to be operated at hoop stresses of 20 percent or more of the specified minimum yield strength of the pipe used, any failure shall be reported on appropriate forms established by the Secretary of Transportation to comply with the requirement of 191.15, Part 191, Title 49

CHANGE IN MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE OPERATING PRESSURE 126

- Except as provided in (126.2) below, at least 30 days prior to an increase in the maximum 126.1 allowable operating pressure of a pipeline, a report shall be filed with the Commission for:
- A pipeline operating at or to be operated at a hoop stress of 20 percent or more of the specified
- minimum yield strength of the pipe being uprated.

 (b) 2,500 feet or more of distribution main which is to be uprated from a MAOP less than or equal to 60 psig to a MAOP greater than 60 psig.
- (c) The conversion of 5,000 feet or more of low pressure distribution main to high pressure distribution

The report shall include:

- the new maximum allowable operating pressure
- ii) the reasons for the change iii) the steps taken to determine the capability of the pipeline to withstand such an increase

126.2 The requirements of (126.1) above do not apply to the uprating or conversion of low pressure distribution mains serving less than 300 customers accomplished by connecting the service lines individually to a higher pressure main.

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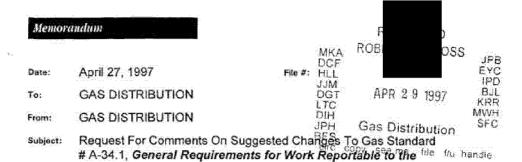
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