

NOTICE OF
CHANGE IN PROPOSED RULE

- The agency identified below in box 1 provides notice of proposed rule change pursuant to Utah Code Section 63G-3-301.
- Please address questions regarding information on this notice to the agency.
- The full text of all rule filings is published in the Utah State Bulletin unless excluded because of space constraints.
- The full text of all rule filings may also be inspected at the Division of Administrative Rules.

Rule Information

DAR file no: 39934 Date filed:
 State Admin Rule Filing Key: 157160
 Utah Admin. Code ref. (R no.): R746-409

Agency Information

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(Interested persons may inspect this filing at the above address or at DAR during business hours)

Rule Title

2. Title of rule or section (catchline):
 Pipeline Safety

Notice Type

3. Type of notice: Change in Proposed Rule
 Changes DAR No.: 39934
 (If you do not know the DAR no., call 801-538-3218.)

Rule Purpose

4. Purpose of the rule or reason for the change:

The change addresses the Public Service Commission of Utah's consideration of comments filed by Questar Gas Company and the Division of Public Utilities, in response to the proposed

amendment to Rule R746-409 published in the Utah State Bulletin Number 2015-23 on December 1, 2015.

Response Information

5. This change is a response to comments by the Administrative Rules Review Committee.

No Yes

Rule Summary

6. Summary of the rule or change:

1) R746-409-2.M.3 pertaining to the definition of a state reportable incident is changed to clarify that property damage of \$15,000 or more includes the loss to the operator and others, or both, but excludes the cost of gas that is lost; 2) R746-409-2.M.6 pertaining to definition of a state reportable incident applicable to incidents receiving news media coverage is deleted. 3) R746-409-4(B)(2) pertaining to notification requirements applicable to state reportable incidents is changed to clarify that reporting is required at the earliest practicable moment when safely possible following discovery. 4) R746-409-4.E pertaining to special reports is changed to clarify that reports relating to safety-related issues shall be filed as described by the Commission or the Division.

Aggregate Cost Information

7. Aggregate anticipated cost or savings to:

A) State budget:

Affected: No Yes

The proposed rule change should not result in any costs to the Division of Public Utilities because the Division mainly enforces pipeline safety rules and the rule change reflects current requirements.

B) Local government:

Affected: No Yes

This rule applies to natural gas public utilities operated by local governments. Since local governments are already expected to operate pursuant to the federal regulations and state requirements incorporated or formalized in this rule change, no anticipated costs are expected. Negligible savings may occur due to streamlining of reporting requirements.

C) Small businesses:

Affected: No Yes

("small business" means a business employing fewer than 50 persons)

This rule applies to operators of natural gas master meter systems and pipeline facilities. Since small businesses are already expected to operate pursuant to the federal regulation and state requirements incorporated or formalized in this rule change, no anticipated costs are expected. Negligible savings may occur due to streamlining of reporting requirements.

D) Persons other than small businesses, businesses, or local government entities:

Affected: No Yes

("person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity, or public or private organization of any character other than an agency)

Since persons are already expected to operate pursuant to the federal regulation and state requirements incorporated or formalized in this rule change, no anticipated costs are expected. Negligible savings may occur due to streamlining of reporting requirements.

Compliance Cost Information

8. Compliance costs for affected persons:

There will be a negligible compliance costs for affected persons because this rule change follows practices and requirements already in place at the federal and state level.

Department Head Comments

9. A) Comments by the department head on the fiscal impact the rule may have on businesses:

This proposed rule change adopts and formalizes current operating practices and requirements therefore negligible costs or savings should result.

B) Name and title of department head commenting on the fiscal impacts:

Thad LeVar, Chair

Citation Information

10. This rule change is authorized or mandated by state law, and implements or interprets the following state and federal laws.

State code or constitution citations (required) (e.g., Section 63G-3-402; Subsection 63G-3-601(3); Article IV) :

54-13-2, 54-13-3, 54-13-4, 54-13-8

Incorporated Materials

11. This rule adds, updates, or removes the following title of materials incorporated by references (a copy of materials incorporated by reference must be submitted to DAR; if none, leave blank) :

<p>Official Title of Materials Incorporated (from title page)</p> <p>Publisher</p> <p>Date Issued (mm/dd/yyyy)</p> <p>Issue, or version (including partial dates)</p> <p>ISBN Number</p> <p>ISSN Number</p> <p>Cost of Incorporated Reference</p> <p>Adds, updates, removes-- SELECT ONE --</p>

Comments

12. The public may submit written or oral comments to the agency identified in box 1.(The public may also request a hearing by submitting a written request to the agency. The agency is required to hold a hearing if it receives requests from ten interested persons or from an association having not fewer than ten members. Additionally, the request must be received by the agency not more than 15 days after the publication of this rule in the Utah State Bulletin. See Section 63G-3-302 and Rule R15-1 for more information.)

A) Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on (mm/dd/yyyy) :

B) A public hearing (optional) will be held:

On (mm/dd/yyyy): At (hh:mm AM/PM): At (place):

Proposed Effective Date

13. This rule change may become effective on (mm/dd/yyyy): 03/30/2016

NOTE: The date above is the date on which this rule MAY become effective. It is NOT the effective date. After a minimum of seven days following the date designated in Box 12(A) above, the agency must submit a Notice of Effective Date to the Division of Administrative Rules to make this rule effective. Failure to submit a Notice of Effective Date will result in this rule lapsing and will require the agency to start the rulemaking process over.

Indexing Information

14. Indexing information - keywords (maximum of four, one term per field, in lower case, except for acronyms (e.g., "GRAMA") or proper nouns (e.g., "Medicaid")):
natural gas pipeline safety, incident reporting, writtens plans, rules and procedures

File Information

15. Attach an RTF document containing the text of this rule change (filename):

There is a document associated with this rule filing.

To the Agency

Information requested on this form is required by Sections 63G-3-301, 302, 303, and 402. Incomplete forms will be returned to the agency for completion, possibly delaying publication in the Utah State Bulletin, and delaying the first possible effective date.

Agency Authorization

Agency head or designee, and Melanie Reif
title: Administrative Law Judge

Date 01/14/2016
(mm/dd/yyyy):