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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2009-0203]

**Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee and the
Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee**

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). The committees will meet to discuss a proposed rulemaking to make miscellaneous changes to the pipeline safety regulations and to discuss several future regulatory initiatives.

DATES: The TPSSC and the THLPSSC will meet in joint session on Wednesday, July 11, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The TPSSC and THLPSSC will meet separately but simultaneously on Thursday, July 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon followed by a second joint session from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EDT. The meeting will not be web cast; however, presentations will be available on the meeting website and posted in the E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number PHMSA–2009-0203 within 30 days following the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005. The telephone number is 1-800-228-9290: the local telephone number is (202) 737-2200. Additional information about the hotel is available at:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/WASMC-Washington-Marriott-at-Metro-Center>. Any new information or changes will be posted on the PHMSA webpage, (<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/public>), under “Latest News” on the homepage.

Comments on the meeting may be submitted to the docket in the following ways:

E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-001.

Hand Delivery: Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number PHMSA-2009-0203 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. You should know that anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Therefore, you may want to review DOT’s

complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or view the Privacy Notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> before submitting any such comments.

Docket: For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on PHMSA-2009-0203." The Docket Clerk will date-stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via the U.S. mail. Please note that due to delays in the delivery of U.S. mail to Federal offices in Washington, DC, we recommend that persons consider an alternative method (Internet, fax, or professional delivery service) of submitting comments to the docket and ensuring their timely receipt at DOT.

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Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to seek special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel at 202-366-4431 by July 5, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the meeting, contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by e-mail at cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting Details

Members of the public may attend and make a statement during the advisory committee meeting. If you intend to make a statement, please notify PHMSA in advance by forwarding an e-mail to cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov by July 5, 2012.

II. Committee Background

The TPSSC and THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risks assessments, and safety policies for natural gas pipelines and for hazardous liquid pipelines. Both committees were established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—with membership evenly divided among the Federal and state government, the regulated industry, and the public. The committees advise PHMSA on the technical feasibility, practicability, and cost-effectiveness of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

III. Agenda

The agenda will include committee discussions and vote on the proposed rule: “Pipeline Safety: Miscellaneous Changes to Pipeline Safety Regulations” published in the Federal Register on November 29, 2011 (76 FR 73570). PHMSA staff will also brief the committees on several regulatory and policy initiatives.

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