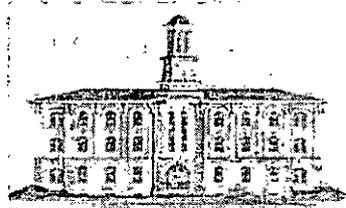


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RE: Docket No. M-2012-2282031
Act 127 of 2011 The Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Act;
Assessment of Pipeline Operators
Comments; Tentative Implementation Order; January 12, 2012

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I hereby submit comments relative to the above noted Docket.

It is stated that the [FAQs] the Commission also will identify and track the development of pipelines in less populated areas that transport gas from unconventional gas wells. As you know, presently there are no regulations regarding the Class 1 locations. Does the PUC intend to include the tracking of such specific information as pipe thickness, diameter and MAOP? It is important to have this information available. Some have advocated that Class 1 locations need not be regulated until they have been able to see 'incident' data. Class 1 locations are not under any PHMSA jurisdiction, so

what will the role be with reporting incidents if any? A comparison of such information with the higher classes is like comparing apples and oranges. There needs to be a clear record of this information obtained through the tracking process.

As a point of public information, please provide the collected information from Pipeline miles by county and Country of manufacture of tubular steel products on the PUC website. Many residents in unregulated Class 1 locations are very interested in the country of manufacture and pipe quality being placed in their communities. They are also concerned about the miles of pipelines; Class 1 area unregulated gathering lines being installed in their communities. As a matter of transparency and rumor control, the PUC providing this information can do much to satisfy the queries of the general public residing in these unregulated gathering line areas.

Finally, while it is a moot point, bearing in mind that the PUC can not promulgate regulations that are no more stringent than or not consistent with applicable federal law or regulations; it is still imperative, nevertheless that Class 1 areas be regulated in the same manner as the higher classes. There is going to be an extensive network of gathering lines in the Marcellus Shale gas fields, primarily rural, and primarily Class 1 areas. There are residents living in these areas that do have their homes within the potential impact radius. Those families especially, as well as, all families living in the Class 1 areas must be afforded the same pipeline safety protections as those who live in the more populated, higher class areas. PUC construction oversight, safety inspections and the more than 45 different types of inspections currently done on jurisdictional lines and similar to be done on Class 2-3-4 gathering lines need also be extended into the Class 1 areas.

I trust, while this is a moot point in the current consideration of Act 127, you will at least take these Class 1 area comments under advisement. Wyoming County is primarily a Class 1 area. There will in a very short time, be hundreds and hundreds of gathering line miles within Wyoming County. Some of these lines, 24"-30" with MAOP's in excess of 1000 psi, do look and act like a transmission line. Pipeline failures will not discriminate. The lack of regulation in Class 1 areas only becomes a greater concern with every mile of gathering line installed. These lines have and will encroach within safe distances of family homes. The safety of families must not be of

greater concern just because their home is located in a Class 2-3-4 area as compared to a Class 1 area.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit a comment regarding the implementation of Act 127.

Sincerely,

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