

of the Department. The comments may include (1) Whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collections; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Federal pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. 60132) requires an operator of a pipeline facility (except distribution lines and gathering lines) to submit geospatial data appropriate for use in the Department's NPMS. A complete data submission includes geospatial data, attribute data, metadata, public contact information for all liquefied natural gas, hazardous liquid, and gas transmission pipeline systems operated by a company. The operator must submit information in accordance with guidelines detailed in the NPMS operator standards document. Operators must update their submissions on an annual basis. Currently operators are able to submit data in paper and electronic formats. After September 30, 2007, PHMSA will cease accepting paper submissions. PHMSA is working with the approximately 2.2 percent of operators who submit paper maps to assist them in making the transition to an electronic format. A copy of the standards document is available in the docket.

PHMSA uses the NPMS as a tool to support various regulatory programs, pipeline inspections, and authorized external customers. Periodic updates of operator pipeline data informs the NPMS of any changes to the data over the previous year and allows PHMSA to maintain and improve the accuracy of the information.

As used in this notice, the term "information collection" includes all work related to preparing and disseminating information in accordance with recordkeeping requirements.

*Type of Information Collection Request:* Renewal of Existing Collection.

*Title of Information Collection:* National Pipeline Mapping System.

*Respondents:* 894 pipeline operators mapping 420,117 pipeline miles.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:* 16,312 hours.

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*Acting Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA-98-4470]

#### Pipeline Safety: Meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting and public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces public meetings of PHMSA's Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Advisory Committee (TPSSC) and Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). The committees will discuss regulatory issues independently and in joint session. Each committee will vote on one regulatory proposal. The THLPSSC will vote on a proposal to extend pipeline safety regulations to the unregulated hazardous liquid gathering lines and low-stress pipelines. The TPSSC will vote on a proposal to relax regulatory requirements governing public awareness programs conducted by operators of master meter systems and certain operators of petroleum gas systems. PHMSA will also conduct a public workshop to discuss the possible use of special permits to allow variance from the seven-year reassessment interval required as part of a gas transmission integrity management program.

**DATES:** The meetings will be on Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The committees will meet at the Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. The phone number for reservations at the hotel is 202-872-1500. Attendees staying at the hotel must make reservations as soon as possible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information regarding this meeting contact Cheryl Whetsel at (202)

366-4431, or by e-mail at [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Meeting Details

Members of the public may attend the meetings. Lodging is available at the Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037. The phone number for reservations is 202-872-1500. The hotel will give priority to the Committee members and to the State Pipeline Safety Representatives for rooms blocked under "DOT Technical Advisory Committee Meetings." PHMSA will post any additional information or changes on its Web page (<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov>) approximately 15 days before the meeting date.

Members of the public who want to make an oral statement should notify Cheryl Whetsel before April 18. The presiding officer at the meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any presentation.

Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-98-4470 and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *DOT Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

To submit comments on the DOT electronic docket site, click "Comment/Submissions," click "Continue," fill in the requested information, click "Continue," enter your comment, then click "Submit."

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* DOT Docket Management System; Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *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.

*Instructions:* Identify the docket number, PHMSA-98-4470, at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, submit two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and may access all comments received by DOT at <http://dms.dot.gov> by performing a simple search for the docket number.

**Note:** All comments will be posted without changes or edits to <http://dms.dot.gov>,

including any personal information provided.

**Privacy Act Statement:** Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received for any of our dockets. You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477) or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel at (202) 366-4431 by April 18, 2007.

## II. Committee Background

The TPSSC and the THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards for gas and hazardous liquid pipelines. The TPSSC and the THLPSSC are established under section 10(a) (2) of 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—five each representing government, industry, and the public.

The pipeline safety law requires PHMSA to seek the TPSSC's or the THLPSSC's advice on the reasonableness, cost-effectiveness, and practicability of each proposed pipeline safety standard. The pipeline safety law also requires PHMSA to submit the cost-benefit analysis and risk assessment information associated with the proposed standard to the appropriate committee. The committees evaluate the merits of the data and, when appropriate, provide recommendations on the adequacy of the analyses.

## III. Preliminary Meeting Schedule

On Wednesday, April 25, the THLPSSC will discuss and vote on a proposal to extend pipeline safety regulations to the unregulated hazardous liquid gathering lines and low-stress pipelines and, if available, on a supplemental proposal PHMSA is developing. The THLPSSC discussed the proposal and potential changes needed to address the requirements of the Pipeline Integrity, Protection, Enforcement and Safety Act of 2006 (PIPES Act) at its last meeting on February 12, 2007. The committees will meet in joint session following conclusion of the THLPSSC meeting. Committees will discuss PHMSA's strategic plan and how PHMSA is including PIPES Act direction in moving forward on initiatives underway. Among the topics discussed

will be underground damage prevention, including civil penalty enforcement authority; status of compliance with public awareness requirements; and development of criteria for community grants.

On Thursday, April 26, PHMSA will conduct a public meeting to discuss how to handle anticipated requests for variance from the seven-year reassessment interval required as part of a gas transmission integrity management program. The method under consideration is the use of PHMSA's authority to grant special permits allowing variance from regulatory requirements. Following conclusion of the public meeting, the TPSSC will discuss and vote on a proposal to relax regulatory requirements governing public awareness programs conducted by operators of master meter systems and certain operators of petroleum gas systems.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

**[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub-No. 5) (2007-2)]**

### Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.

**SUMMARY:** The Board has approved the second quarter 2007 rail cost adjustment factor (RCAF) and cost index filed by the Association of American Railroads. The second quarter 2007 RCAF (Unadjusted) is 1.147. The second quarter 2007 RCAF (Adjusted) is 0.537. The second quarter 2007 RCAF-5 is 0.511.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* April 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mac Frampton, (202) 245-0317. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additional information is contained in the Board's decision, which is available on our Web site <http://www.stb.dot.gov>. To purchase a copy of the full decision, write to, e-mail or call the Board's contractor, ASAP Document Solutions;

9332 Annapolis Rd., Suite 103, Lanham, MD 20706; e-mail [asapdc@verizon.net](mailto:asapdc@verizon.net); phone (202) 306-4004. [Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS: 1-800-877-8339.]

This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), we conclude that our action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Decided: March 16, 2007.

By the Board, Chairman Nottingham, Vice Chairman Buttrey and Commissioner Mulvey.

**Vernon A. Williams,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

**[STB Docket No. AB-1006X]**

### New York & Greenwood Lake Railway—Abandonment Exemption—in Passaic, Passaic County, NJ

New York & Greenwood Lake Railway (NYGL) has filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR part 1152, subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon an approximately .7-mile line of railroad between milepost 1.1, near the intersection of South and Fourth Streets, and the end of the line at milepost 1.8, near the intersection of Canal and Monroe Streets, in Passaic, Passaic County, NJ.

NYGL has certified that: (1) No local or overhead traffic has moved over the line for at least 2 years; (2) overhead traffic, if there were any, could be rerouted over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or by a State or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the 2-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7 (environmental reports), 49 CFR 1105.8 (historic reports), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the abandonment shall be protected under