

April 17, 2009 Committee Meeting Action Tasks

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#	Task	Who Doing What	When Due	Date Completed
1	PHMSA has just recently listed \$1,000,000 available for Technical Assistance Grants to Communities. This is a new program and these grants are to "allow communities and groups of individuals to obtain funding for technical assistance in the form of engineering or other scientific analysis of pipeline safety issues and help promote public participation in official proceedings. For purposes of grants eligibility, communities are defined as cities, towns, villages, counties, parishes, townships, and similar governmental subdivisions, or consortiums of such subdivisions.	Preparation of a grant request is in progress. Association of Washington Cities (AWC) will take the lead and submit the grant application. PST, MRSC, UTC and CCOPS are partners in this effort. Additional partners are being sought.	The grant closes at Noon on May 29, 2009	Status and action at May Committee meeting.
2	Anomaly presentation	<p>Questions raised at April Committee meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should the committee write an advisory letter to PHMSA requesting more corrosion information be made available to the public? This information may also include threshold determinations on corrosion and re-inspection intervals. 2. Secondly, if information is to be made available, it must be in format the public can understand. 3. Should PHMSA reconsider requirements for pipeline re-evaluation as a result of corrosion wall loss (0.8 wall thickness)? <p>Future action - Committee has elected to delay taking further action pending the further discussion of the above issues.</p>	<p>The WA Citizen's Committee on Pipeline Safety intends to support the PHMSA proposal for natural gas pipeline assessment and anomaly reporting</p> <p>The Committee will include a recommendation that additional corrosion anomaly information be reported to PHMSA and made available to the public.</p> <p>PHMSA data should be made available to the public in a way that the public can understand the data. The Citizens Committee is willing to advise PHMSA on the understandability of the public data.</p>	This discussion was tabled until the May 28 th meeting. UTC will research the status of PHMSA's consideration of the corrosion/wall thickness issue.

3	Committee Bylaw up date	The committee reviewed the proposed by law changes and suggested a few minor changes. Concern was expressed by members about proposed limitation on internal communication due to the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act. Pete Kmet had suggested an alternate wording.	Anne will seek clarification from the Assistant Attorney General representing the UTC. Bob will update the By Law draft and send to the Committee members prior to the May meeting	On May agenda for discussion and approval.
4)	Damage Prevention	Included in proposal for 2009 Committee work plan	Ron Schmitt volunteered to take the lead on this part of the work plan	Discuss action plan in May meeting
5)	Develop 2009 Committee Work Plan	Rick Kuprewicz & Bob Archey	Approved at April meeting	Completed
6)	Citizens Committee Staffing for 2009 and beyond	Discussion with Governor's Office pending	Three new members added in March 2009. The terms of 7 members are up in July 2009 (5 voting, 2 non-voting)	