DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2010–0307]

Pipeline Safety: Emergency Preparedness Communications

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


SUMMARY: PHMSA is issuing an Advisory Bulletin to remind operators of gas and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities that they must make their pipeline emergency response plans available to local emergency response officials. PHMSA recommends that operators provide their emergency response plans to officials through their required liaison and public awareness activities. PHMSA intends to evaluate the extent to which operators have provided their emergency plans to local emergency officials when PHMSA performs future inspections for compliance with liaison and public awareness code requirements.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Federal regulations for both gas and hazardous liquid pipelines require operators to have written procedures for responding to emergencies involving their pipeline facility. Because pipelines are often located in public space, the regulations further require that operators include procedures for planning with emergency and other public officials to ensure a coordinated response. Under 49 CFR 192.605, 192.615, and 195.402, operators must include in their emergency plans provisions for coordinating with appropriate fire, police, and other public officials both proplanned drills and actual responses to pipeline emergencies. Operators must also establish and maintain liaison with the emergency officials to, among other things, acquaint the officials and the operator with their respective responsibilities and resources in planning for and responding to emergencies.

Under §§ 192.616 and 195.440, operators must also develop and implement a written continuing public education program that follows the American Petroleum Institute’s (API) Recommended Practice (RP) 1162. Incorporated by reference, API RP 1162 further requires operators to develop their emergency response plans with appropriate emergency officials to include in such plans information about how emergency officials can access the operator’s emergency response plan, and to conduct emergency response drills.

Advisory Bulletin (ADB–10–08)

To: Owners and Operators of Hazardous Liquid and Gas Pipeline Systems.

Subject: Emergency Preparedness Communications.

Advisory: To further enhance the Department’s safety efforts, PHMSA is issuing this Advisory Bulletin about emergency preparedness communications between pipeline operators and emergency responders.

To ensure a prompt, effective, and coordinated response to any type of emergency involving a pipeline facility, pipeline operators are required to maintain an informed relationship with emergency responders in their jurisdiction.

PHMSA reminds pipeline operators of these requirements, and in particular, the need to share the operator’s emergency response plans with emergency responders. PHMSA recommends that operators provide such information to responders through the operator’s liaison and public awareness activities, including during joint emergency response drills. PHMSA intends to evaluate the extent to which operators have provided local emergency responders with their emergency plans when PHMSA performs future inspections for compliance with relevant requirements.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Fiscal Service

Fee Schedule for the Transfer of U.S. Treasury Book-Entry Securities Held on the National Book-Entry System

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is announcing a new fee schedule applicable to transfers of U.S. Treasury book-entry securities maintained on the National Book-Entry System (NBES) that occur on or after January 3, 2011.

DATES: Effective Date: January 3, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Hawkins or Kristina Yeh, Bureau of the Public Debt, Department of the Treasury at (202) 504–3550.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Treasury has established a fee structure for the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities maintained on NBES. Treasury reassesses this fee structure periodically, based on our review of the latest book-entry costs and volumes. For each Treasury securities transfer or reversal sent or received on or after January 3, 2011, the basic fee will increase from $0.31 to $0.38. The Federal Reserve will also increase its fee for Federal Reserve funds movement from $0.06 to $0.07. This will result in a combined fee of $0.45 for each transfer of Treasury book-entry securities. The surcharge for an off-line Treasury book- entry securities transfer will remain $33.00. The basic transfer fee assessed to both sends and receives is reflective of costs associated with the processing of securities transfers. The off-line surcharge reflects the additional processing costs associated with the manual processing of off-line securities transfers.

Treasurer does not charge a fee for account maintenance, the stripping and reconstitution of Treasury securities, the wires associated with original issues, or interest and redemption payments. Treasury currently absorbs these costs. The fees described in this notice apply only to the transfer of Treasury book-entry securities held on NBES. Information concerning fees for book- entry transfers of Government Agency securities, which are priced by the Federal Reserve System, is set out in a separate Federal Register notice published by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The following is the Treasury fee schedule that will take effect on January