



January 29, 2024

To: Pipeline Operators Subject to the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipeline Act

Re: Annual Renewal/Registration required on or before March 31, 2024

The annual registration requirement of the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act, (Act 127 of 2011, 58 P.S. § 801.101 et seq.), gives the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission jurisdiction to enforce federal pipeline safety laws over operators of non-public utility gas and hazardous liquids pipeline equipment and facilities within Pennsylvania. The Commission issued its Implementation Order at Docket Number M-2012-2282031 entered on February 17, 2012.

On November 15, 2021, the final Gas Gathering Rule of the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT's) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) was published in the Federal Register (PHMSA's Final Rule). Due to PHMSA's Final Rule making amendments to Federal pipeline safety regulations, the Commission issued an Order on December 8, 2022, that clarifies its jurisdiction over Class 1 gas gathering lines and certain liquified natural gas (LNG) facilities under the Gas and Hazardous Liquids Pipelines Act, 58 P.S. § 801.101 et seq.

If your company continues to be a Pennsylvania pipeline operator, as defined in Section 102 of Act 127, please submit the Annual Registration Form to report your company's Pennsylvania pipeline miles as of December 31, 2023, along with a **\$250 Annual Registration Fee by March 31, 2024**. Please find this form with its accompanying attachments on the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov (go to Filing & Resources > Issues, Laws & Regulations > Act 127 (Pipeline Act)).

Pipeline Operator Annual Registration Form guidance:

- Provide a Docket Number (e.g., A-20xx-xxxxxxx) on the top of the Registration Form. Instructions for locating your company's Docket Number on the Commission's web page are found on the Annual Registration Form.
- Pipeline mileage, **including Class 1 gas gathering lines** must be reported per one tenth of a mile of individual pipe. Multiple pipelines in one trench are considered individual pipes for reporting purposes.
- Companies with a name change, acquisition, merger, altered legal status, etc. must provide a detailed explanation in the "Comments" field of Section 1 of the Registration Form.
- Companies are required to report any new pipeline installed in the ground since the company's last Pipeline Registration. Use the "Comments" field of Section 12 of the Registration Form to report any new installed pipeline and provide

detailed explanation for any additions, deletions, or variations since the company's last Pipeline Registration.

Additionally, Pipeline Operators must report all information on the forms as required by law or your Annual Registration may be rejected. If rejected, the Commission may retain the filing fee, and require the operator to re-register.

Filing Instructions

The Annual Registration Form may be filed electronically with the Commission's eFiling system through its website. If you have not already established an account, which is free of charge, you will need to do so. The Commission's eFiling system can be accessed at <http://www.puc.pa.gov/efiling/default.aspx>. If eFiling your renewal form, please log into your account, or create an account if you have not already done so and choose "Existing Case" as the type of filing and enter your docket number where indicated. If you file electronically, you do not have to file a paper copy; however, we strongly suggest that you keep a copy of whatever is submitted to the Commission for your records.

An advantage of eFiling is the Commission's fillable PDF form and attachments to report your miles of pipeline, country of origin, and all other required information can be submitted without printing and mailing the form to the Commission. In addition, the calculations of your mileage and other data are automatic, which decreases the risk of mathematical errors. If you do not wish to file electronically, please complete the PDF form and mail it to the Commission. Instructions for mailing are on the form.

Please be advised that failure of a Pennsylvania pipeline operator to timely file an Annual Registration Form and provide an accurate reporting of Pennsylvania pipeline mileage could result in enforcement proceedings by the Commission and possible civil penalties, pursuant to Section 502 of the Act 127. If your company no longer owns or operates any Pennsylvania pipelines, please notify the Commission by utilizing the above-mentioned eFiling system.

If you have any questions regarding this Secretarial Letter, or if you think your company received this letter in error, please email questions to ra-Act127@pa.gov. Information regarding filing, a link to the Annual Registration Form and other details are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemary Chiavetta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary