

North Dakota State Program Manager Report Wednesday October 21, 2020 Caleb Simburger, Pipeline Safety Program Manager 701-328-4056 <u>csimburger@nd.gov</u>



Public Service Commission



State Program Operators

- 4 Private Distribution (5 Inspection Units)
 MDU, GPNG, NSP/Xcel Energy, DNG
- 1 LPG Inspection Unit
 - Hettinger (MDU Badlands Region)



State Program Operators (cont.)

9 Intrastate Transmission

Aux Sable, DGC, Kinder Morgan (Hiland Partners), MDU, ONEOK, Liberty Midstream Solutions, Hess-ND Caliber Midstream, & Crestwood

• 7 Intrastate Gathering

Hiland Partners-Kinder Morgan, ONEOK, Targa, Oasis, Nesson, Andeavor/Marathon, & Hess-ND



State Program Operators (cont.)

• 1 Intrastate Liquefied Natural Gas North Dakota LNG, LLC



State Operator Statistics

- 3,771.74 Miles Dist. Mains in 2018
- 3,832.5 Miles Dist. Mains in 2019
 - + 60.76 (Miles Gain)
- 172,151 Distribution Services 2018
- 175,323 Distribution Services 2019
 - + 3,172 (Increase)



State Operator Statistics (cont.)

- 255.61 Miles Trans Pipeline in 2018
 262.70 Miles Trans Pipeline in 2019 (+7.09 miles)
- 14.24 Miles Gath Pipeline in 2018
 15.90 Miles Gath Pipeline in 2019 (+1.66 miles)



Incidents

• There was 1 jurisdictional incident reported in 2019.



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Levels of Enforcement - Notice of Probable Violation (NOPV/Warnings)

- Warnings/Violations issued in CY2019:
- Warning/Violations corrected in CY2019:
- Warning/Violations outstanding from CY2019:
- Civil penalties issued in CY2019:
- Civil penalties collected in CY2019



Construction Activity

- No major construction for CY2019
- No major construction for CY2020
- PVC Distribution mileage in North Dakota:
 - 15.04 miles PVC Mains in 2018
 - 14.92 miles PVC Mains in 2019
 - 757.00 PVC Services in 2018
 - 754.00 PVC Services in 2019



Damage Prevention (DP) Update (Natural Gas & Utilities)

• Third Party Complaints in 2017-19 (Gas & Utilities)

• 2018 DP cases:	49
• 2018 DP cases closed:	17*
• 2018 cases carried to next year:	35

- 2019 DP cases: 19
- 2019 DP cases closed: 60*
- 2019 cases carried to next year:

* May include cases from previous year(s)

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Program Overview

- May, 2019 Previous Program Manager, left ND PSC
- September, 2019 New Gas Pipeline Safety Program Manager hired.
- August 2021 PSC Staff will be attending the NAPSR Regional Meeting
- August 2021 PSC Staff will be attending the NAPSR National Meeting



Program Overview (continued)

• 153 Inspection Days were conducted in 2019



Program Overview (continued)

Training for Program Manager/Inspector:

- Program Manager has completed multiple PHMSA TQ natural gas pipeline safety courses.
- Currently enrolled in and waitlisted for additional PHMSA TQ Pipeline Safety Courses.



Program Overview (continued)

Gas Pipeline Systems Inspector:

The Inspector has completed all required natural gas safety courses at the PHMSA training & qualification center (TQ).



State Program Concerns

- Staying informed of all updates on pipeline regulations as they become available
- Accomplishing Required Person Inspection Days while Program Manager completes required PHMSA training courses
- Work on the implementation of an Inspector Assistant (IA) inspection program
- Adapting to Covid-19 challenges



Questions?

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