



Small Town with a Big Heart

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RE: In the Matter of the Filing by Commission Pipeline Safety Staff for Approval of a Penalty for a Pipeline Safety Violation by Humboldt Municipal Gas Utilities (Pipeline Safety Inspectors: Mary Zanter, Boice Hillmer; Staff Attorney: Kristen Edwards)

Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility plans on hiring a full-time Natural Gas Utility Manager. In this role, the natural gas manager will acquire 40 hours or more per week as needed dedicated solely to natural gas, including field work and paperwork. Humboldt understands that this change is essential in getting into and remaining in compliance with the SD PUC.

In addition to this full-time employee, Humboldt Municipal Gas Utility plans to hire a full-time City Utility Manager to care for the other town utilities including water, sewer, streets and parks. This employee will also be utilized as a backup for natural gas field work responsibilities for the town of Humboldt and the Natural Gas Utility Manager. The required certifications will be obtained by this employee. Attendance of all natural gas training sessions to remain current on all natural gas issues will also be a requirement for this employee. Humboldt has qualified applicants in mind and will advertise for the position as early as possible.

The Finance Officer will provide backup for natural gas paperwork responsibilities for the town of Humboldt and the Natural Gas Utility Manager. The required certifications will continue to be obtained by this employee. Attendance of all natural gas training sessions to remain current on all natural gas issues will also be a requirement for this employee.

The Town of Humboldt would sincerely like to extend their apologies in taking so long for a solution to be reached. Humboldt believes this solution will work the best and is dedicated to getting into and remaining in compliance with the SD PUC.

Sincerely,
Humboldt Town Board