

1 Department of Public Safety

2 Fire Marshal Division

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4 Adopted Rules Governing Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Inspection

5 Fees

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7 Rules as Adopted

8 7510.6200 PURPOSE.

9 The purpose of parts 7510.6100 to 7510.6910 is to prescribe
10 reporting requirements for gas leaks, safety standards for
11 pipeline facilities and the transportation of gas, and fees to
12 recover the state costs related to inspections, investigations,
13 and other duties prescribed by statute. These requirements and
14 standards are required for state certification by the Natural
15 Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 as provided in United States
16 Code 1976 and Supplement III, title 49, section 1674 (a).

17 7510.6300 SCOPE.

18 The requirements and standards in parts 7510.6100 to
19 7510.6910 apply to the design, installation, inspection,
20 testing, construction, operation, extension, replacement, and
21 maintenance of pipeline facilities. The scope of parts
22 7510.6350 to 7510.6910 is intended to be consistent with
23 Minnesota Statutes, sections 299F.56 to 299F.64.

24 7510.6350 FEDERAL REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

25 Reporting requirements for gas leaks and standards for gas
26 and pipeline safety as provided in Code of Federal Regulations
27 1980, title 49, parts 191 and 192 are incorporated by reference
28 and made part of Minnesota rules subject to the amendments in
29 parts 7510.6400 to 7510.6910.

30 7510.6910 INSPECTION FEE.

31 A person who engages in the transportation of gas or who
32 owns or operates pipeline facilities subject to Minnesota
33 Statutes, sections 299F.56 to 299F.64 is subject to payment of a
34 fee to recover the state's share of the cost of administering

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1 the natural gas pipeline safety activity.

2 A. ~~The department shall quarterly ascertain the total~~
3 ~~of its expenditures for the preceding three months that are~~
4 ~~attributable to the natural gas pipeline activity.~~

5 B. The department shall maintain records on the
6 amount of time each pipeline safety inspector spends performing
7 duties related to each public or private natural gas pipeline
8 company in Minnesota.

9 E. B. The department shall charge each natural gas
10 pipeline owner or operator for the actual hours spent by
11 pipeline safety inspectors in the conduct of duties under
12 Minnesota Statutes, sections 299F.56 to 299F.64, plus a share of
13 other related expenditures including supplies, materials, and
14 overhead, prorated on the basis of the inspector hours. These
15 charges must reflect the portion of expenses not reimbursable by
16 the United States or a federal department or agency, under
17 Minnesota Statutes, section 299F.64. The natural gas owner or
18 operator must be provided an itemized statement of its charges
19 upon request.

20 D. C. The department shall submit invoices to
21 operators within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter.
22 Owners or operators shall remit payment to the department within
23 30 days after the date of the department invoice.