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COGCC INTERIM OPERATOR GUIDANCE USE OF PHMSA RECOGNIZED STANDARDS FOR CRUDE OIL TRANSFER SYSTEMS

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Crude Oil Transfer Lines are typically larger and longer than flowlines and typically involve a significant lead time for design and long procurement items before they are constructed. Work on these lines may have begun prior to adoption of the COGCC Flowline rules, which became effective May 1st 2018. COGCC rules recognize that these crude oil transfer lines can come under PHMSA regulation, COGCC regulation, or both. In the COGCC rules references have been made to recent versions of certain engineering standards, which are more recent editions than those cited in the PHMSA rules.

Recognizing the difficulties inherent in building a crude oil transfer line using two different editions of a cited standard, along with the fact that some transfer lines may have already started design and procurement prior to the COGCC's Flowline rulemaking, as an interim measure, until PHMSA updates their referenced standards, COGCC will recognize the standards referenced in PHMSA's rules and the editions referenced in the COGCC's rules. Therefore, operators constructing crude oil transfer lines after May 1, 2018 can choose to use either edition of engineering standards cited in the COGCC rules or those cited in the PHMSA rules.

USE of PHMSA Recognized Standards

This guidance/notice to operators will apply only to crude oil transfer lines and only to the following standards cited in the COGCC rules:

ASME B31.4 Pipelines Transportation Systems for Liquids and Slurries

ASME B31.8 Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping System

API 1104 Welding of Pipelines and Related Facilities

ASME BPV Code Section IX, Welding, Brazing and Fusing Qualification

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