

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 25-12.005, F.A.C., CODES AND
STANDARDS ADOPTED - UPDATE OF GAS PIPELINE SAFETY CODES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: December 14, 2000

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule 25-12.005, Florida Administrative Code, to amend provisions relating to codes and standards adopted - update of gas pipeline safety codes.

The attached Notice of Proposed Rule Development will appear in the December 22, 2000, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. If timely requested and not deemed unnecessary by the Commission, a rule development workshop will be announced at a later date.

The request must be submitted in writing and received by Edward Mills, Division of Safety & Electric Reliability, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, no later than January 5, 2001.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

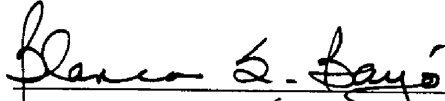
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By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this
14th day of December, 2000.



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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Edward Mills, Division of Safety & Electric Reliability, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862, (850) 413-6650.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

25-12.005 Codes and Standards Adopted.

The Minimum Federal Safety Standards and reporting requirements for pipeline facilities and transportation of gas prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Parts 191 and 192 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as amended through January 1, 2001 ~~October 20, 1998~~, are adopted as part of these rules. Part 199, "Drug and Alcohol Testing" as amended through January 1, 2001 ~~October 20, 1998~~ is adopted to control drug use, by setting standards and requirements to apply to the testing and use of all emergency response personnel under the direct authority or control of a gas utility or pipeline operator, as well as all employees directly or indirectly employed by gas pipeline operators for the purpose of operation and maintenance and all employees directly or indirectly employed by intrastate gas distribution utilities for on-site construction

of natural gas transporting pipeline facilities. Part 199 also is adopted to prescribe standards for use of employees who do not meet the requirements of the regulations.

Specific Authority: 368.05(2), 350.127(2), F.S.

Law Implemented: 368.03, F.S.

History: New 11/14/70, Amended 09/24/71, Revised 09/21/74, Amended 10/07/75, 11/30/82, 10/02/84, 08/08/89, formerly 25-12.05, amended 01/07/92, 05/13/99,_____.