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DATE: January 18, 2017
TO: Carlotta S. Stauffer, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Kathryn Gale Winter Cowdery, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel
RE: Closed Docket No. 120068-GU

Please file the attached rule material in the closed docket file listed above.
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Subject: FW: Dkt. 120068-GU; 8/13/12 informal meeting.
Attachments: Draft Inactive Service Line.doc

Attached is an industry draft of Rule 25-12.045 which was provided to us and which will be discussed at the Monday, Aug 13 informal meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions.

1 25-12.045 Inactive Gas Service Lines.

2 (1) The following actions shall be taken for inactive gas service lines that have been used, but
3 have become inactive without reuse:

4 (a) If there is no prospect for reuse, the service line shall be retired and physically abandoned
5 within three months.

6 (b) After a service line has been inactive for a period of two years, if there is a prospect for
7 reuse of the line, one of the following actions shall be taken within six months:

8 1. Disconnect the service line from all sources of gas and abandon or remove;

9 2. A valve on the service line shall be locked in the closed position and the service line
10 plugged to prevent the flow of gas;

11 3. Remove the meter and plug the end of the service line to prevent the flow of gas.

12 (c) ~~After five years of inactivity, service lines shall be retired and physically abandoned within~~
13 ~~six months.~~

14 After five years of inactivity, the following determination, consistent with the requirements of
15 the Distribution Integrity Management Program, shall be made on all inactive service lines:
16 an inactive gas service line that represents an existing or probable hazard to persons or
17 property or is constructed of bare steel, cast iron or does not comply with the current materials
18 standards in the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 192 adopted by the Commission shall be
19 retired. All such service lines are to be retired and physically abandoned within six months or
20 in accordance with a Commission-approved replacement program.

21 (d) After ten years of inactivity, residential service lines shall be retired and physically
22 abandoned within six months.

23 (2) To physically abandon a service line, the operator must disconnect the service line from all
24 sources of gas at the nearest point to the gas main. Where the appropriate governmental
25 authority prohibits cutting pavement, the service line shall be disconnected at the nearest point

1 not under a paved surface. The stub of the service line, the short section of the remaining
2 service line to the main, shall be disconnected closer to the main or at the main, if at some
3 later date it becomes accessible during normal operations.

4 (3) Records must be kept of the size, material, and location of all remaining service line stubs.

5 These records must be readily available to personnel assigned to pipeline locating activities.

6 Specific Authority 368.05(2) FS. Law Implemented 368.05(2) FS. History—New 9-21-74,

7 Repromulgated 10-7-75, Amended 10-2-84, Formerly 25-12.45, Amended 1-7-92.

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