Advisory Committee Voting Protocol

June 1-3, 2016

Committee Action

- **June 1 – Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee**

  - ACTION: Discussion and Vote on NPRM titled: Pipeline Safety: Plastic Pipe Rule (80 FR 29263; May 21, 2015).

Committee Action

- **June 2 – Gas and Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committees**
  - ACTION: Discussion and Vote on NPRM titled: Pipeline Safety: Operator Qualification, Cost Recovery, Accident and Incident Notification, and Other Pipeline Safety Proposed Changes (80 FR 39916; July 10, 2015).

Chairman

- When a decision or recommendation of the Committee is required, the Committee Chair will request a motion for a vote.
- Any member, including the Committee Chair, may make a motion for a vote.
- A **quorum** is required for a vote - a majority of the current members of the Committee must be present at a meeting to perform the Committee's statutory duties.

Statutory Language

- Committee Action: Members consider each proposed rule and the draft regulatory evaluation.
- The motion should include language from the statute (49 U.S.C. 60115) to indicate the appropriate committee has carried out its responsibilities.
- Motions must originate from and be seconded by members of the appropriate committee.
- Measures impacting both gas and hazardous liquid pipelines must be voted on separately by each committee.

Sample language – agree as proposed.

"The Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (or Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee) finds that the proposed rule as published in the *Federal Register* and the Draft Regulatory Evaluation are technically, feasible, reasonable, cost-effective, and practicable."

Sample language – not in agreement.

"The Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (or Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee) finds that proposed rule as published in the *Federal Register* and the Draft Regulatory Evaluation are not (or cannot be made) made technically, feasible, reasonable, cost-effective, and practicable."

Sample language – propose a change.

"The Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (or Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee) finds that the proposed rule as published in the *Federal Register* and the Draft Regulatory Evaluation are technically, feasible, reasonable, cost-effective, and practicable if the following changes are made -

(*list of amendments agreed upon by the committee*)."

Reports

The verbatim meeting transcript serves as the Committee report unless another document is provided by the membership.

The docket number for this meeting is PHMSA-2016-0032.