

**BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

IN THE MATTER OF A PERMANENT  
RULEMAKING OF THE OKLAHOMA  
CORPORATION COMMISSION AMENDING  
**OAC 165:20, GAS & HAZARDOUS LIQUID  
PIPELINE SAFETY**

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**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT**

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Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D) of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, the Transportation Division ("Division") of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("Commission") submits the following Rule Impact Statement for its proposed rules regarding Title 165, Chapter 20 of the Oklahoma Administrative Code ("OAC").

**I. Brief description of the purpose of the proposed rules:**

The purpose of the proposed rules is to update references to federal regulations to the correct year, cease requiring the immediate telephonic notification of excavation incidents when the damage amounts to less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), and eliminate an industry requirement to submit a form to the Division that is no longer necessary.

**II. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rules, including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rules, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities:**

The persons most likely to be affected by the proposed rules are members of the gas and hazardous liquid pipeline industry that are no longer required to submit redundant forms, and are no longer required to immediately report excavation damage of de Minimis value. No information regarding any cost impacts has been received from any private or public entity.

**III. Classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rules:**

The persons benefiting from the proposed rules are members of the gas and hazardous liquid pipeline industry that are no longer required to submit redundant forms, and are no longer required to immediately report excavation damage of de Minimis value.

**IV. Description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rules upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change:**

The Division does not believe there will be any economic impact upon affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, except possible savings associated with the reduced compliance costs. The proposed rules do not propose any fee changes.

**V. Probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rules, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rules, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency:**

There is no cost to the agency or any other agency associated with the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rules. The agency may see some benefit from increased administrative efficiency. It is not anticipated that the proposed rules will have any effect on state revenues.

**VI. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rules will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules:**

It is not anticipated that implementation and enforcement of the proposed rules will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rules.

**VII. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rules may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act:**

It is not anticipated that the proposed rules will have an adverse economic effect on small businesses. No information regarding any economic effect has been received from any small businesses.

**VIII. Explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules:**

The proposed rules do not increase compliance costs, but may instead lower them. There are no nonregulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rules.

**IX. Determination of the effect of the proposed rules on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rules are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rules will reduce the risk:**

It is anticipated that the proposed rules will not have an adverse effect on the public health, safety, and environment.

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**X. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rules are not implemented:**

It is anticipated that there will be no detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and environment if the proposed rules are not implemented.

**XI. Date of preparation of Rule Impact Statement:**

This Rule Impact Statement was prepared on the 9th day of February, 2021.

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