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1 On page 1, line 16, after "measures to" strike "reduce hazardous
2 leaks and" and insert "expedite the reduction of hazardous leaks and
3 reduce as practicable"

4 On page 2, beginning on line 1, after "facilities" strike all
5 material through "failure," on line 2 and insert ", a description of
6 equipment and new facilities that aid in the reduction of methane
7 emissions and"

8 On page 2, line 4, after "others, to" strike "replace" and insert
9 "expedite the replacement of"

10 On page 2, line 5, after "failure and" strike "reduce" and insert
11 "expedite the repairs of"

12 On page 2, line 9, after "identifying" strike "large"

13 On page 2, beginning on line 27, after "(c)" strike all material
14 through "pipe." on line 30 and insert "'Nonhazardous leak" includes a
15 leak that is:

16 (a) Recognized as being not hazardous at the time of detection
17 but justifies scheduled repair based on the potential for creating a
18 future hazard; and

19 (b) Not hazardous at the time of detection and can reasonably be
20 expected to remain not hazardous."

21 On page 2, after line 34, insert the following:

22 "(5) Nothing in this section may be construed to regulate
23 pipelines that are preempted from state regulation under federal
24 law."

25 On page 2, line 37, after "Beginning" strike "January 31" and
26 insert "March 15"

1 On page 3, line 8, after "(d)" strike "An estimate of the" and
2 insert "The"

3 On page 3, line 22, after "each" strike "detected"

4 On page 3, line 23, after "system" insert "detected by the
5 company during its routine course of inspection"

6 On page 3, beginning on line 24, after "(b)" strike all material
7 through "(c)" on line 26 and insert "The approximate date and
8 location of each leak caused by third-party excavation or other
9 causes not attributable to the normal operation or inspection
10 practices of the company;

11 (c) Whether the reported leaks are included as part of a filing
12 submitted and approved by the commission under section 2 of this act;

13 (d) "

14 Reletter the remaining subsections consecutively and correct any
15 internal references accordingly.

16 On page 3, line 29, after "provide" strike "the best available"
17 and insert "its best"

18 On page 3, line 34, after "(e) The" insert "estimated"

EFFECT: Adds a description of equipment and new facilities that aid in the reduction of methane emissions to the list of materials that a gas company seeking an interim recovery between rate cases may submit to the utilities and transportation commission. Redefines "nonhazardous leak" to include grade 2 and grade 3 leaks. Provides that nothing in the requirement for the utilities and transportation commission to initiate a proceeding to provide conditions concerning the interim recovery between gas company rate cases of costs associated with replacing pipeline facilities may be construed to regulate pipelines that are preempted from state regulation under federal law. Changes the date by which each gas pipeline company must begin submitting an annual report to the utilities and transportation commission from January 31, 2021, to March 15, 2021. Adds the approximate date and location of each leak caused by third-party excavation or other unusual causes to the items that may be included in a gas pipeline company's annual report.

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