

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PIPELINE SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLUTION NAPSR Board Resolution 2012-1 AC-1

Action Category 1 Approved: October 24, 2012

Urging PHMSA to provide funding from appropriated state grant funds for the design, building, operation, and maintenance of an independent NAPSR website

WHEREAS: The National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR) was established in 1982, as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization of state agency pipeline safety directors, managers, inspectors and technical personnel and

WHEREAS: NAPSR's Mission is to strengthen states' pipeline safety programs through promotion of improved pipeline safety standards, education, training, and technology and

WHEREAS: NAPSR shall support, encourage, develop, and enhance pipeline safety and

WHEREAS: NAPSR shall promote pipeline safety in all of the United States and its territories by encouraging consistent and uniform application and enforcement of pipeline safety regulations, the promulgation of effective regulations, and support of research and

WHEREAS: The objectives of NAPSR shall be achieved by reviewing inspection and enforcement procedures and experiences, considering the need for revised or new regulations, conducting training sessions, and renewing relationships with other government agencies, the pipeline industry and related associations, and the Congress and

WHEREAS: Increased transparency is a primary pipeline safety objective, NAPSR requires information to be made available to all stakeholders on a timely basis and NAPSR requires the sharing of certain information amongst its members in a secure manner and

WHEREAS: NAPSR's current website is not user-friendly, difficult to update, and requires streamlined navigation techniques for content access

WHEREAS: NAPSR's current website does not convey NAPSR's position on important state pipeline safety initiatives, enforcement actions taken at the state level, summaries of regional and national meetings, and does not function as a repository for current or historical documentation (such as resolutions, position papers on pipeline safety issues, member surveys, and filed comments regarding PHMSA dockets) and

WHEREAS: Sufficient state grant funds have been appropriated to PHMSA, are available, and will not adversely affect the state pipeline safety programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. NAPSR respectfully requests PHMSA to provide up to \$25,000 to NAPSR from available and appropriated state pipeline safety grant funds to select a vendor to design, and build, an independent NAPSR website
- 2. In addition, NAPSR respectfully requests up to \$10,000 annually to operate, host and maintain the independent NAPSR website.
- 3. NAPSR requests PHMSA to act upon and fund this resolution prior to January 1, 2013.