NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PIPELINE SAFETY REPRESENTATIVES RESOLUTION

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URGING PHMSA TO CONSOLIDATE ALL DATABASES AFFECTING STATE PROGRAM INSPECTION DATA COLLECTION

WHEREAS: The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has and continues to develop numerous databases for the purpose of collecting operator information and state and federal inspection data, which state programs are expected to contribute to and to monitor; the databases include: transmission integrity management, distribution integrity management, operator qualification, public awareness, hazardous liquid integrity management, inspection assistant and Pipeline Data Mart.

WHEREAS: PHMSA has been supportive of State funding to perform pipeline safety program inspection activities; however, the multiple incompatible databases impede state program personnel from efficiently performing all of the administrative tasks required;

WHEREAS: PHMSA follows no consistent format or platform for database design or consistent levels of user training, and each database requires maintenance of separate usernames and passwords;

WHEREAS: Data input processes vary from uploading a document to manual entry of a narrative which requires considerable time for consistent and quality information input;

WHEREAS: PHMSA administrative requirements on state program staff are increasing due to inefficient program input methods, and PHMSA's ever changing and increasing desire for additional data, and;

WHEREAS: Unnecessarily complicated data input processes take away from time the states could be spending in the field;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That PHMSA develop a consistent and efficient user interface for all PHMSA data requested from the states, accessible

by a single user name and password within two years of the date of adoption of this resolution.