



ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission is holding its first master meter training seminar of the year. The two-day seminars help master meter operators understand standards and regulations and key safety requirements to keep operators compliant and residents safe. The Commission's Safety Division is the only one in the nation that has a master meter operator course.

The first seminar kicked off today, January 25th, and continues through tomorrow.

In a master meter system, an operator purchases metered gas and then supplies the gas to two or more buildings, like in a manufactured home community, apartment complex, or industrial park. ACC inspectors evaluate those systems regularly. Arizona law requires all operators to have a qualification plan including maintenance schedules and emergency plans. The seminars help the operators develop these plans and get the training they need to stay on top of regulations and recognize any damage or potential safety issues with a system which may arise.

"Our Pipeline Safety Division is a leader for safety in the nation. These seminars empower operators to hit the highest safety standards," said Chairman Tom Forese. "By working together through this kind of education our Division helps operators be accountable and in good standing for the success of their business and the safety of our community."

The Commission's Pipeline Safety Division has been recognized numerous times by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The Division received a perfect score on its yearly audit last year and has scored 99 or higher for the past six years on evaluations by the USDOT's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

The seminars are free of charge. You can register by going to safety@azcc.gov and following the sign-up instructions. A full list of training dates for the year can be found at <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Safety/mastermeter.asp>. The seminars are located in Phoenix at 1300 W. Washington St., Suite 210 and in Tucson at 3401 E. Gas Road.

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp>

