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This letter is to inform you of your responsibilities as an owner of a master metered gas facility in the State of Arizona. Under Chapter 5, Article 2, Arizona Administrative Code ("AAC") Rule R14-5-201, a "Master Meter System" is defined as, "The physical facilities for distributing gas within a definable area where the operator purchases metered gas from a provider to provide gas service to two or more buildings other than at a single family residence."

The Office of Pipeline Safety has the responsibility to enforce pipeline safety regulations for natural gas and other gas pipeline facilities. The Commission has adopted Arizona Revised Statute § 40-441 and Title 49, Part 192, of the code of Federal Regulations, as the minimum standards to be used in the transportation of natural gas in a master metered gas system.

Additionally, the Office of Pipeline Safety would like to take this opportunity to notify you of a coming change in programs offered by the Office of Pipeline Safety. In previous years, the Office of Pipeline Safety had maintained an equipment loan out program for Master Meter Operators to use for conducting leak surveys, corrosion control surveys and pipe locating. As of December 31, 2017, we will be discontinuing the equipment loan out program. After December 31, 2017 Operators of Master Meter Systems will have to make alternative arrangements to comply with the leak survey, corrosion control survey and pipe locating requirements. Among the alternatives that the Office of Pipeline Safety can foresee are the following four (4) options that will be available to Master Meter Operators:

- Separate the system and install gas meters for each building. (Preferred if practical. Contact the gas provider (Southwest Gas, UNS Gas etc.) to find out how.
- Hire a Qualified Contractor or operator personnel that has been Qualified and has the equipment to perform the necessary work;
- Purchase the equipment for testing ; or
- Become an all electrical Property (If practical)

We will still be providing the Master Meter Operator Training and awareness of the Underground Facilities Law AZ811, formerly known as Bluestake. You will receive the Packet each year with the schedule for the Seminars.

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