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MEASUREMENT TECHNICIAN TRAINING INITIATIVE UPDATE NO. 1 OCTOBER 5, 2007

Supporters of the Measurement Technician Training Program Initiative:

Thanks to those of you who took the time to discuss this concept with me in person over the last few weeks. Because your interest is so strong, I've decided to provide this newsletter update to keep you informed of the progress in our effort to develop a standardized measurement technician training program. I know you are very busy, so I'll keep these updates brief. They will be sent only when developments warrant.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- SGA

As you know, the concept was proposed at the recent Transmission Operating Section Managing Committee meeting. The concept was well received and gained enough support to warrant an email to the Transmission Operating Section and to the Transmission Measurement Interest Group to further determine interest.

Based on feedback from the Managing Committee, Mike Grubb solicited the perspective of SwRI. SwRI has approached the Letton-Hall Group to discuss what their role in this course might be. Since they are a facility operator, one possibility would be to assist in the hands-on portion of the course. Nothing has been decided, but discussions are continuing.

- AGA

I spoke with Brad Massey, of Southern Star, an AGA Transmission Measurement Committee member and future Chairman. He indicated that AGA has begun to discuss a technician training concept. He expressed concern that SGA and AGA might go down parallel paths and that this could lead to two different courses. I will follow up with Ali Quraishi next week.

- El Paso

Jim Witte, of El Paso Pipeline Group, has offered access to their extensive in-house measurement technician training material.

- Boardwalk

Cary Carter and Sidney Dufrene, of Boardwalk, have provided a course outline for consideration.

- Kinder-Morgan

I received a call from Jorge Torres, indicating Kinder-Morgan's support for the program.

- Southern Union

Jeryl Mohn has offered to present the training program concept at an INGAA meeting later this month.

- Finally, I've had some questions about the meaning of "industry-sanctioned." We're probably on the same page with this, but here's the general meaning as I see it (feedback is welcome):

"Industry-sanctioned" means a curriculum that is developed and maintained by a standing committee made up of industry subject matter experts. The committee will be charged with defining and maintaining the curriculum, and providing feedback to the organization charged with operating the course. The feedback will consist of recommendations for improvement to course content, presentation, hands-on labs, and instructors.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

- If you have an outline or other material that you would be willing to share, please let me know. It will reduce the time to develop the course, once it becomes a funded project.

- Please forward this to any other interested party who I may have missed.

- If you are aware of other possible opportunities to present this concept, please let me know.

Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

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