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## MEASUREMENT TECHNICIAN TRAINING INITIATIVE UPDATE NO. 4 JANUARY 8, 2008

Supporters of the Measurement Technician Training Initiative:

Here are the latest activities in our effort to develop an industry-sanctioned measurement technician training program.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

#### *Meeting on December 13-14, 2007*

Support for the concept was strong. Approximately 30 representatives from 13 companies (listed below) participated in the 1 ½ day meeting. Here are the highlights:

- The attendees made clear the urgent need for the proposed program. They were enthusiastic and supportive. The Computer-Based/Instructor-Led/Hands-On features had broad support, but some attendees were concerned about the suggested 3-4 week module lengths. The module lengths can be adjusted to meet industry's needs.
- AGA, PRCI and SGA representatives were present and supportive.
- Several companies (El Paso Energy, Panhandle Energy, Anadarko, OneOK, Boardwalk, and Northern Natural Gas) offered access to their existing course material.
- Pending the approval of operating companies, Letton-Hall will review and assess the existing material, report on the extent of updates and revisions required to develop the basic knowledge and skills program, and provide a suggested curriculum and estimated cost for the program.
- Letton-Hall has submitted a cost estimate for \$30,000 to review and assess the existing training material.
- The use of existing material will reduce the overall cost of course development.
- There was strong interest in joining the Joint Industry Project. However, **SGA has not received commitments from all interested companies as of the date of this newsletter.**

The following companies attended the meeting (OneOK was unable to attend due to weather conditions):

- Anadarko
- CenterPoint Energy
- Chesapeake Energy
- El Paso Corporation
- Enterprise Products
- Gulf South Pipeline/Boardwalk Pipelines
- Kinder Morgan
- National Fuel Gas
- Northern Natural Gas
- Southern Star Pipeline

- Spectra Energy Gas Transmission
- Trunkline/Panhandle/Southern Union
- Williams Gas Pipeline

### ***Southern Gas Association***

There will be a **conference call** this month to provide an overview of the December 13-14 meeting to interested parties who were unable to attend (date to be announced later). If you attended the meeting, there is no need to attend the conference call, since no new information will be provided.

An update, along with relevant documents and the Letton-Hall cost estimate is at the following link:

<http://www.southerngas.org/TRANSMISSION-OPERATIONS/MeasurementTrainingJIP.htm>

If you would like to join the JIP, **now is the time**. Please contact Mike Grubb at [mgrubb@southerngas.org](mailto:mgrubb@southerngas.org) and let him know that your company will participate. Remember, this is an industry effort. You do not need to be an SGA member to take part in this effort. If you need further information before you commit, contact Mike or me ([kelner@ema.eng.pro](mailto:kelner@ema.eng.pro)). We'll be happy to answer your questions.

### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

There was a strong spirit of cooperation during the December meeting. It was clear that the group understands and appreciates the advantages gained by pooling and leveraging resources to achieve a common goal. The vision of an industry-owned, industry-sanctioned measurement technician training program is within our grasp. However, there is a lot of work ahead and we need your continued support.

Thank you for your support. Have a healthy and prosperous year.

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