

CHAPTER 479A

INTERSTATE NATURAL GAS PIPELINES

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479A.1 Purpose.

It is the purpose of the general assembly in enacting this law to confer upon the utilities commission the power and authority to act as an agent for the federal government in determining pipeline company compliance with the standards of the federal government for pipelines within the boundaries of the state.

[88 Acts, ch 1074, §1](#); [2005 Acts, ch 32, §2](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)

479A.2 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context requires otherwise:

1. “*Commission*” means the utilities commission.
2. “*Pipeline*” means an interstate pipe, pipes, or pipelines used for the transportation or transmission of natural gas within or through this state.
3. “*Pipeline company*” means a person engaged in or organized for the purpose of owning, operating, or controlling pipelines.
4. “*Underground storage*” means the storage of natural gas in a subsurface stratum or formation of the earth by a pipeline company.

[88 Acts, ch 1074, §2](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §2693](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)

Referred to in [§437A.5](#)

479A.3 Conditions attending operation. Repealed by [2005 Acts, ch 32, §3](#).

479A.4 Construction inspection.

The commission shall supervise pipelines, pipeline companies, and underground storage, and shall inspect the construction, maintenance, and condition of pipelines and underground storage facilities in accordance with [section 479A.18](#). When inspecting for safety standard compliance, the commission shall apply only United States department of transportation safety standards.

[88 Acts, ch 1074, §4](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)

479A.5 Notice prior to construction. Repealed by [2005 Acts, ch 32, §3](#).

479A.6 Cost of construction inspection. Repealed by [2005 Acts, ch 32, §3](#).

479A.7 Annual inspection fee.

The commission may, in accordance with [section 476.10](#), charge a pipeline company with an annual inspection fee that is directly attributable to the costs of conducting annual inspections pursuant to [this chapter](#).

[88 Acts, ch 1074, §7](#); [2021 Acts, ch 75, §4](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)

479A.8 Failure to pay — penalties. Repealed by [2005 Acts, ch 32, §3](#).

479A.9 Deposit of funds.

Moneys received under [this chapter](#) shall be credited to the commerce revolving fund created in [section 546.12](#) as provided in [section 476.10](#).

[88 Acts, ch 1074, §9; 94 Acts, ch 1107, §84; 99 Acts, ch 85, §10, 11; 2009 Acts, ch 181, §55; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §2694](#)

Referred to in [§476.10](#)

479A.10 Rules. Repealed by [2005 Acts, ch 32, §3](#).

479A.11 Damages.

A pipeline company operating pipelines or underground storage shall be given reasonable access to the pipelines and storage areas for the purpose of constructing, operating, maintaining, or locating their pipes, pumps, pressure apparatus, or other stations, wells, devices, or equipment used in or upon a pipeline or storage area, but shall pay the owner of the lands for the right of entry and the owner of crops on the land all damages caused by entering, using, or occupying the lands for these purposes; and shall pay to the owner of the lands, after the completion of construction of the pipeline or storage, all damages caused by settling of the soil along and above the pipeline, and wash or erosion of the soil along the pipeline due to the construction of the pipeline. However, [this section](#) does not prevent the execution of an agreement with other terms between the pipeline company and the owner of the land or crops with reference to their use.

[88 Acts, ch 1074, §11; 95 Acts, ch 192, §19](#)

479A.12 through 479A.17 Repealed by [2005 Acts, ch 32, §3](#).

479A.18 Federal inspection.

The commission may enter into agreements with and receive moneys from the United States department of transportation for the inspection of pipelines to determine compliance with the applicable standards of pipeline safety as provided by Pub. L. No. 103-272, as codified in 49 U.S.C. §60101 – 60125.

[88 Acts, ch 1074, §18; 95 Acts, ch 49, §14; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §369](#)

Referred to in [§479A.4](#)

479A.19 through 479A.28 Repealed by [2005 Acts, ch 32, §3](#).