

Pipeline Sector Coordinating Council Charter **(also known as Pipeline Working Group of the** **Oil & Natural Gas Subsector Coordinating Council)**

Article I – Official Designation

The official designation of this Council is the Pipeline Sector Coordinating Council (PSCC). The PSCC is also known as the Pipeline Working Group (PLWG) of the Oil & Natural Gas Subsector Coordinating Council (ONG SCC).

Article II – Mission and Purpose

In support of Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)-21, hazardous liquids, natural gas, and propane pipeline owners and operators and their industry trade associations which represent them formalize coordination efforts under the PSCC. The PSCC provides a private forum for effective coordination of pipeline security strategies and activities, policy, and communication across the sector to support the nation's homeland security mission. The PSCC provides a venue for industry owners and operators and their respective industry trade associations to mutually plan, implement, and execute sufficient and appropriate sector-wide security and resilience programs, procedures and processes, exchange information, and assess accomplishments and progress toward continuous improvement in the protection of the sector's critical infrastructure.

The PSCC fosters collaboration and facilitate improvements in pipeline safety, security, and resilience. The PSCC serves as the industry counterpart to the Transportation-Pipeline Modal Government Coordinating Council (GCC). The PSCC also serves as the subject matter advisory group to the Oil & Natural Gas Subsector Coordinating Council (ONG SCC). In that advisory capacity, the PSCC is referred to as the PLWG. The PLWG, under the ONG SCC has been established to address pipeline issues within the Energy Sector.

Article III – Objectives and Scope of Activity

Objectives of the PSCC/PLWG shall include, but shall not be limited to the following:

- Promote communication and coordination regarding safety and security-related matters among oil and gas Pipeline Stakeholders within the critical infrastructure community.
- Promote engagement between industry as well as with local, state, tribal, territorial and Federal government security partners regarding development of regulations, guidelines, and programs that may impact pipeline activities and programs in the Energy and Transportation Sectors.
- Encourage coordination between Department of Transportation, Department of Energy, and the Department of Homeland Security (to include but not limited to the Transportation Security Administration, the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency, the US Coast Guard, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission).
- Discuss common industry practices and lessons learned.
- Serve as the liaison between industry and government on research and development that enhances the safety, security, and resilience of the nation's pipelines.

Article IV – Membership and Member Representatives

Membership

PSCC/PLWG membership shall be open and limited to any registered trade association based in the United States representing hazardous liquids, natural gas, and/or propane pipeline systems engaged in the transmission, transportation, and delivery of commodity.

Member Representatives

The PSCC/PLWG shall be comprised of staff of trade associations as listed in Article IV and company representatives designated by the participating trade association to which that company is a member. The company representative must have a sponsoring trade association and have responsibility for pipeline security and security intelligence information sharing.

Article V – Governance and Officers

Governance

The PSCC, referred to from here forward as the PLWG, shall report to the ONG SCC Chair. The PLWG is supported by a Chair, which is a voluntary role that reports to the ONG SCC. The PLWG Chair serves as the PSCC Chair when addressing Transportation Sector matters.

Officers

The duties of the PLWG Chair shall be as follows:

- Preside at all meetings;
- Develop a meeting agenda for each meeting;
- Facilitate conference calls and meetings;
- Appoint special task forces to carry out work group business as necessary;
- Maintain member roster and contact information; and
- Alert work group members to new or proposed security-related local, State, and Federal regulations/actions that may impact business practices or operations.

The PLWG Chair shall serve a term at the will of the ONG SCC. The role of the PLWG Chair may only be filled by a company representative of a participating trade association to which that company is a member. Trade association staff may not hold the Chair position. PLWG members may nominate themselves or other working group members to serve as the Chair. If more than one individual is nominated to be Chair, members shall vote on the candidates with the candidate receiving the majority of votes elected to serve as Chair. If the Chair resigns from the PLWG Chair position, the PLWG Chair shall work with the ONG SCC to identify an interim Chair to fill the role until such time as a new Chair can be elected and approved by the ONG SCC membership.

Members

Members are active in working group affairs as a condition of being ONG SCC members in good standing and vote on issues as determined by the PLWG Chair and ONG SCC.

Article VI – Meetings

The PLWG shall meet a minimum of two (2) times per year either virtually or at a location to be designated by the Chair. The Chair may schedule special meetings and/or conference calls as needed. When participating in CIPAC activities, the PLWG/PSCC shall comply with all requirements defined in the CIPAC Charter and guidance issued by the CIPAC DFO within the CIPAC Executive Secretariat.

Article VII – Duration and Approval

This charter shall remain in effect until replaced or revised as deemed necessary by the PSCC/PLWG and shall be approved for acceptance by a majority of the members present during the meeting where it was presented.