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To: PCIC Attendees

Bienvenue à la Nouvelle Orlèans!

On behalf of the New Orleans Local Conference Committee, I would like to let you know we cannot wait for you to attend the 70th annual PCIC technical conference in New Orleans this September!

There are so many consistencies present this year like many other PCIC conferences, but it is New Orleans and we have to add some flair to it!

We wanted to take some time to describe this “flair” to you so you could be prepared to maximize your experience and help us make this one of the best ever. Please reference the following pages that will elaborate on these items.

In closing and in the immortal words of the patron saint of New Orleans, Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong, “Red beans and ricely yours”...

Dean C. Ruiz
PCIC 2023 Local Conference Committee Chair



1) Monday Awards Lunch and the French Quarter Connection

- a) This year the Monday Awards Lunch will be held at the Sheraton New Orleans hotel right across the street from the Marriott. As you may know, crossing a busy Canal Street is required to get to and from the lunch. Your local committee is trying to make this as easy and as fun as possible...just hope for no rain (although we got you “covered”)!
- b) Key information:
 - i) Monday Awards Lunch 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Napoleon Ballroom on the 3rd floor in the Sheraton New Orleans hotel.
 - ii) We have contracted with NOPD to shut down the street from 11:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. for our trip from the Marriott to the Sheraton and then again from 1:40 p.m. until 1:55 p.m. for our trip back to the Marriott. Of course, you can venture across on your own outside of these times, but please take the appropriate cautions.
 - iii) We enlisted the services of a real New Orleans second line jazz band to lead us across from the Marriott to the Sheraton. Should be great!
 - iv) And what goes with a real New Orleans second line jazz band.....handkerchiefs umbrellas! So, bring your handkerchiefs and we will supply the umbrellas...the local committee is providing a compact umbrella as part of your registration package which you can bring with you as you cross the street and participate in a real second line!

2) Monday Night Social

- a) In an effort to make the Monday Night Social as fun and simple as possible, we will be following the lead of some previous conferences in an effort to minimize the time you spend waiting in line and maximize the time you have networking with your peers!
- b) Key information:
 - i) Monday Night Social 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the New Orleans Marriott Grand Ballroom on the 3rd floor.
 - ii) We will have separate bars for alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic beverages. In an effort to alleviate long lines there will be mini fridges with soft drinks and water staged at various locations in the social. No need to wait in a longer line if you just want water!



- iii) We will have a distinct Mardi Gras theme with caricature artists, tarot card readers, jesters (introduce yourself and take a photo!), and some Mardi Gras themed giveaways!
 - iv) Ever wanted a sketch of how you look through the “fun” eyes of someone else. There will be caricature artists located in various locations at the social. Get them quick...in 2012 these were a hit!
 - v) Curious about what your future holds for you? There will be tarot card readers in the social who can help you look into the future!
 - vi) One other announcement, we will not be taking tickets for your drinks at the conference social. We did this in 2012 and it worked great. So do not be surprised when there are no tickets in your registration packet!
- 3) Business Meeting Rooms
- a) Over the years, certain conferences have made a meeting space available for attendees to get together to discuss business. Why not? You have all the key people in one spot for several days. So, your New Orleans Local Committee is providing those who need it, a room that you can reserve for these types of meetings.
 - b) Key information
 - i) Sunday 9/10 through Wednesday 9/13 in the Galvez and Jackson meeting rooms on the 5th floor of the New Orleans Marriott.
 - ii) The meeting rooms will be available each day from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and will require a reservation.
 - iii) **Please reserve a 30-min or 1-hour time-slot for your preferred room using the links below: (* 9/10 thru 9/13 ONLY – 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. *)**
 - (1) Galvez -
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/GALVEZROOMPrivateReservedforPCIC20231@kindermorgan.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>
 - (2) Jackson -
<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/JACKSONROOMPrivateReservedforPCIC20231@kindermorgan.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>
 - iv) These links will be posted on the EventMobi app for use.
 - i) Any issues you can text or call a New Orleans local committee member who will then help with availability.



- 1) Louis Randazzo, Technical Vice Chair: (504) 810-0132 / louis_randazzo@kindermorgan.com
 - 2) Josh Palmisano, A/V Vice-Chair: (504) 250-7499
 - 3) Paul St. Pierre, Technical Chair: (314) 574-2951
- ii) The room will be setup with a conference table and approximately 10 chairs, a display screen that can be utilized along with a conference phone to allow outside individuals to be dialed into a conference call.
 - iii) There will be some rules that we will need everyone who wants to utilize this to keep I mind when using the room:
 - (1) Please clean up after yourself
 - (2) Please limit your request to 1 hour of use at a time. If you need it longer, just ask for a maximum of 2 consecutive slots.
 - (3) Be respectful of your allotted time and realize someone could be coming in right after you...please do not let the meeting go long.
 - (4) Each room can accommodate about 15 people so there should be plenty of space.
- 4) Local Committee Reception
- a) Key information
 - i) This one is pretty simple, we want to welcome you to New Orleans!
 - ii) Sunday 9/10 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Preservation Hall area, we will have a live jazz band to welcome you to New Orleans the right way!
- 5) Attendee contact information
- a) There will be a few different ways to grab the attendee contact information:
 - i) You will be able to download the list via the PCIC 2023 app.
 - ii) You will be able to scan a QR on certain signs that will allow you to download the list.
 - iii) And as usual, there will be a limited number of hard copy print versions. Keep in mind that the pdf versions will be more up to date.
- 6) Elevators
- a) Just a reminder that the New Orleans Marriott elevators are a little different. If you were here in 2012, you might remember!
 - b) When wanting to utilize the elevators, punch in the floor you want to go to and it will tell you a letter of an elevator to use.



- c) No doubt you will all be experts using them to visit all of our wonderful hospitality events all over the river tower of the New Orleans Marriott...all the way up to the beautiful 41st floor!

7) Conference APP

- a) We will be having raffles every day for those who use the conference app to vote on papers. It helps our authors and does not take much time...and you can win a special gift!
- b) Each 3-hour track will be eligible.
 - i) Monday morning General session and each afternoon session (total of 6 raffles)
 - ii) Tuesday morning sessions (total of 5 raffles)
 - iii) Wednesday morning and afternoon sessions (total of 10 raffles)
- c) Winners will be announced via the app and at the Monday and Wednesday lunches!

8) Professional headshots

- a) One of our vendors is sponsoring a professional photo booth so you can update your social media picture, your resume photo, or anything else you think you may need it for...your own Glamour Shot!
- b) Look for it on the 2nd floor in the Preservation Hall area by the Studio rooms:
 - i) Sunday 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
 - ii) Monday 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
 - iii) Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.