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*Dedicated to Shared Responsibility
in Damage Prevention*

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Data Reporting & Evaluation Committee

DIRT –

- *Secure web application for the collection and reporting of underground damage information.*
- Tool is now available to all stakeholders in the US. Canada will be available early 2005.



**Damage
Information
Reporting
Tool**

THE DIRT ON FACILITY DAMAGE

PROMOTING EFFECTIVE DAMAGE PREVENTION
THROUGH SHARED STAKEHOLDER RESPONSIBILITY,
BEST PRACTICES IDENTIFICATION & PROMOTION,
AND DAMAGE INFORMATION REPORTING.

Damage Information
Reporting Tool (DIRT):
Analysis and
Recommendations
For Calendar Year 2004
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About CGA

The Common Ground Alliance (CGA) is a member-driven association dedicated to ensuring public and worker safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of the public/private utility infrastructure by promoting effective damage prevention practices. CGA is a national, nonprofit organization with over 1,100 individual members, 155 member organizations and 30 corporate sponsors. Officially formed in 2000, CGA represents a continuation of the damage prevention efforts embodied by the *Common^oGround Study* in 1999. That study was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation and represents the collaborative work of over 160 industry professionals who identified best practices

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CGA – DIRT

- 1st annual report released at 2005 DPC
- Targets for 2006
 - 100,000 records submitted by
 - 100 different companies / organizations from
 - 40 different states

The data will be analyzed to identify root causes and perform trend analysis in order to focus damage prevention education and programs where they will have the greatest impact.



CGA COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BEST PRACTICES

BEST PRACTICES - COMPLIANCE

2. INCENTIVES

Practice Statement: Damage prevention programs include incentives to promote compliance with laws and regulations.

3. PENALTIES

Practice Statement: Compliance programs include penalties for violations of the damage prevention laws or regulations.

- A *penalty system* includes education as an alternative or supplement to civil or other penalties.

BEST PRACTICES – COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT

5. ENFORCEMENT

A. Authority

Practice Statement: An authority is specified through state statutes and given the resources to enforce the law.

Practice Description: The enforcement authority in each state has the resources to enforce the laws and regulations. Experience has demonstrated that enforcement of the one-call laws and regulations that did not identify a specific authority other than the attorney general has not been effective.

BEST PRACTICES - COMPLIANCE

5B. Structured Review Process

Practices Statement: A structured review process is used to impartially adjudicate alleged violations.

Practice Description: Two types of review processes currently used are outlined below. These type of processes differ in terms of

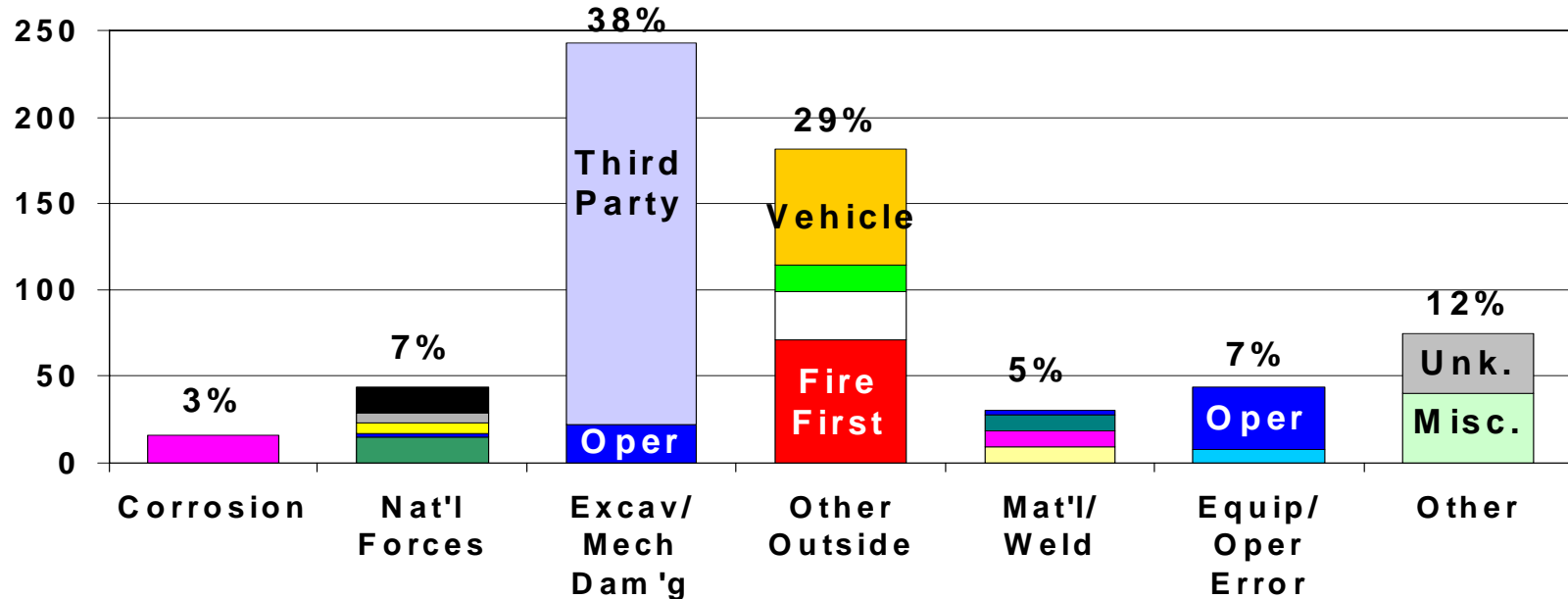
- 1) who receives reports of alleged violations,
- 2) who investigates the reports,
- 3) possible outcomes of the investigation,
- 4) who conducts 1st tier (informal) hearings,
- 5) possible outcomes of 1st tier hearings, and
- 6) appeal rights following a 2nd tier (formal) hearing. It is important that review processes are constructed to avoid abuses of authority and prevent any individual, industry, stakeholder or agency from exercising undue power or influence over the process.

D.I.M.P. SEP 21 PUBLIC MTG PRESENTATION



*And Now, the New “Small Buckets”
(i.e., 2nd-Level Causes): Hazards, Actors*

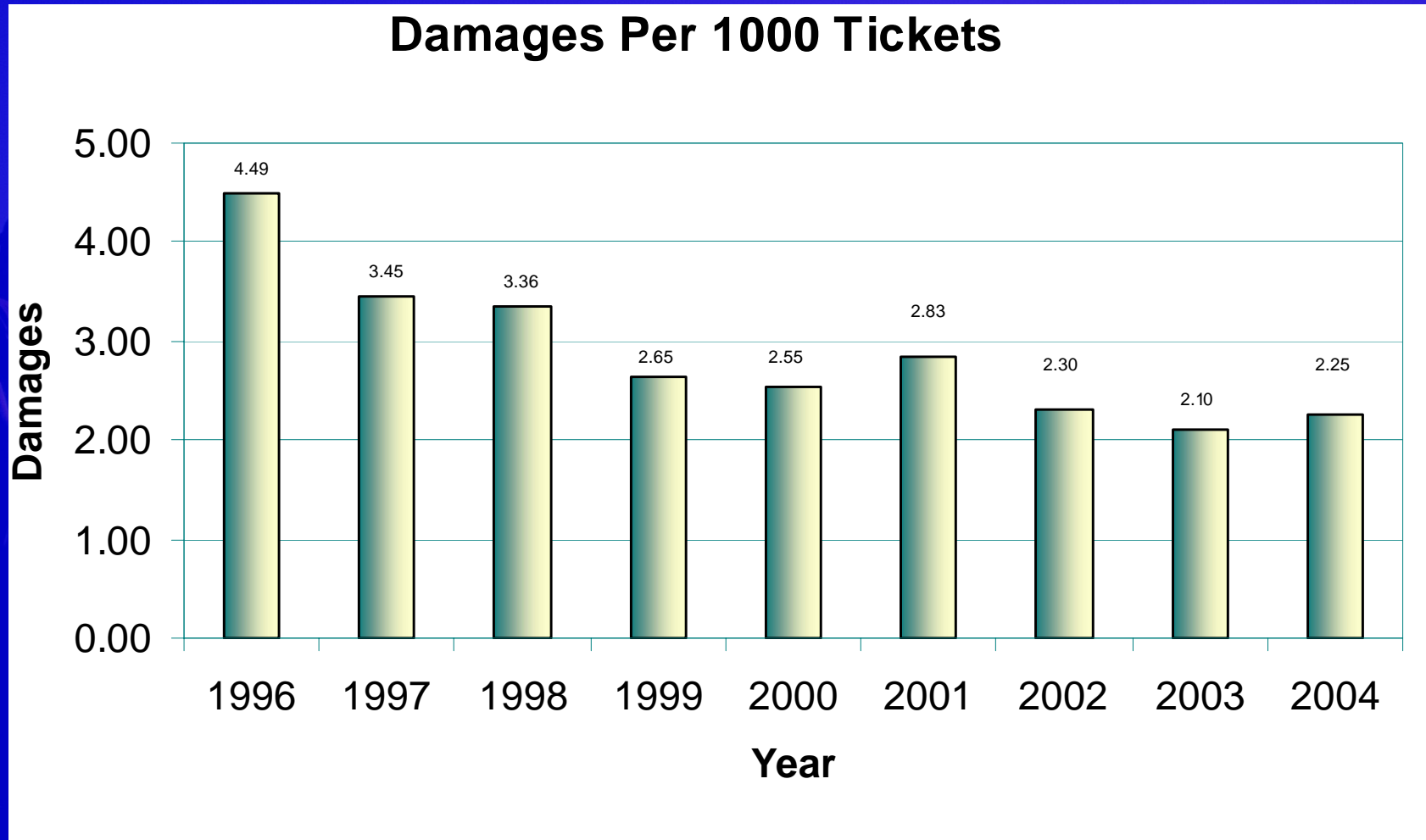
Number of Incidents, 99-03



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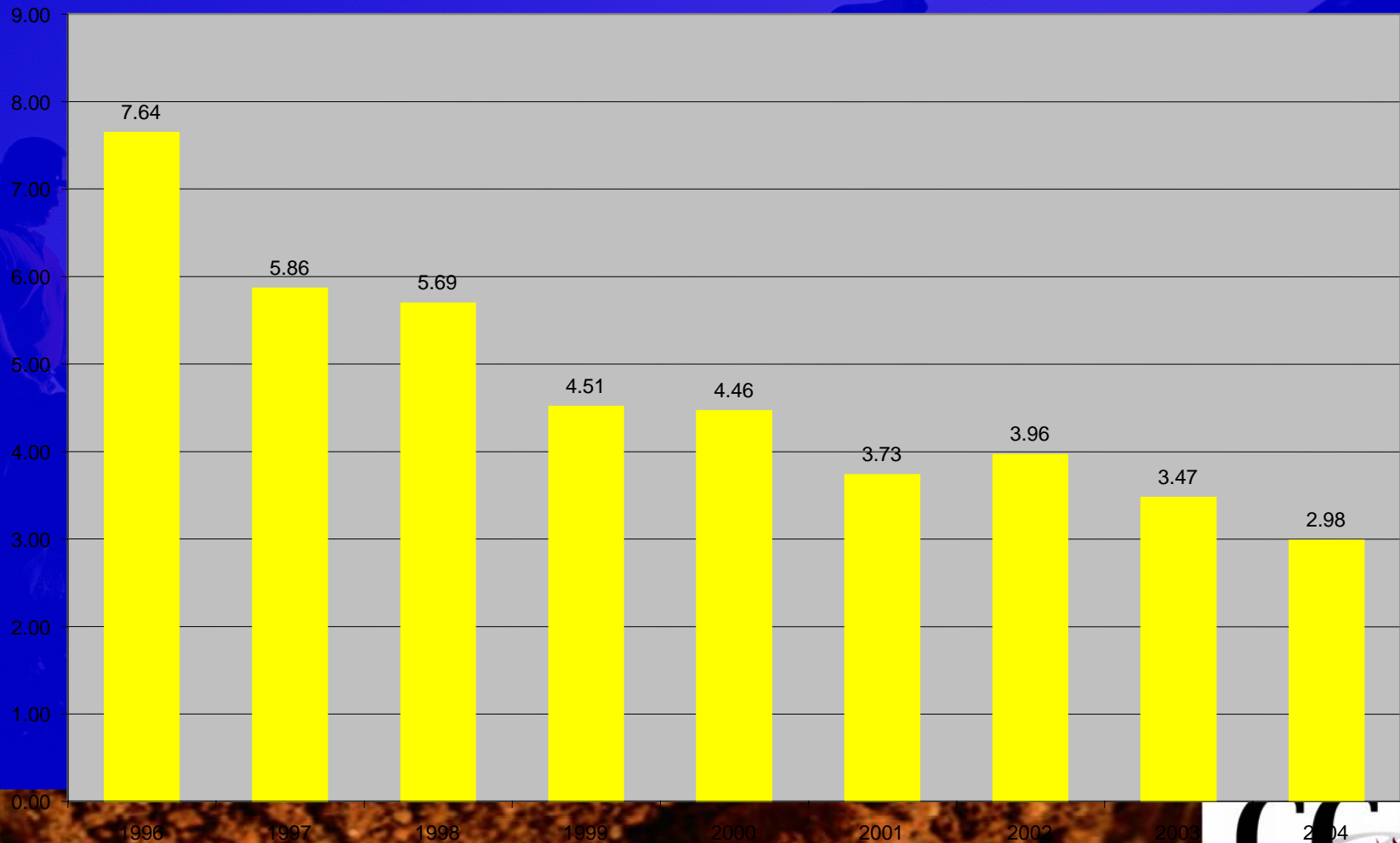
Total Statewide Gas Facility Damages



Minnesota

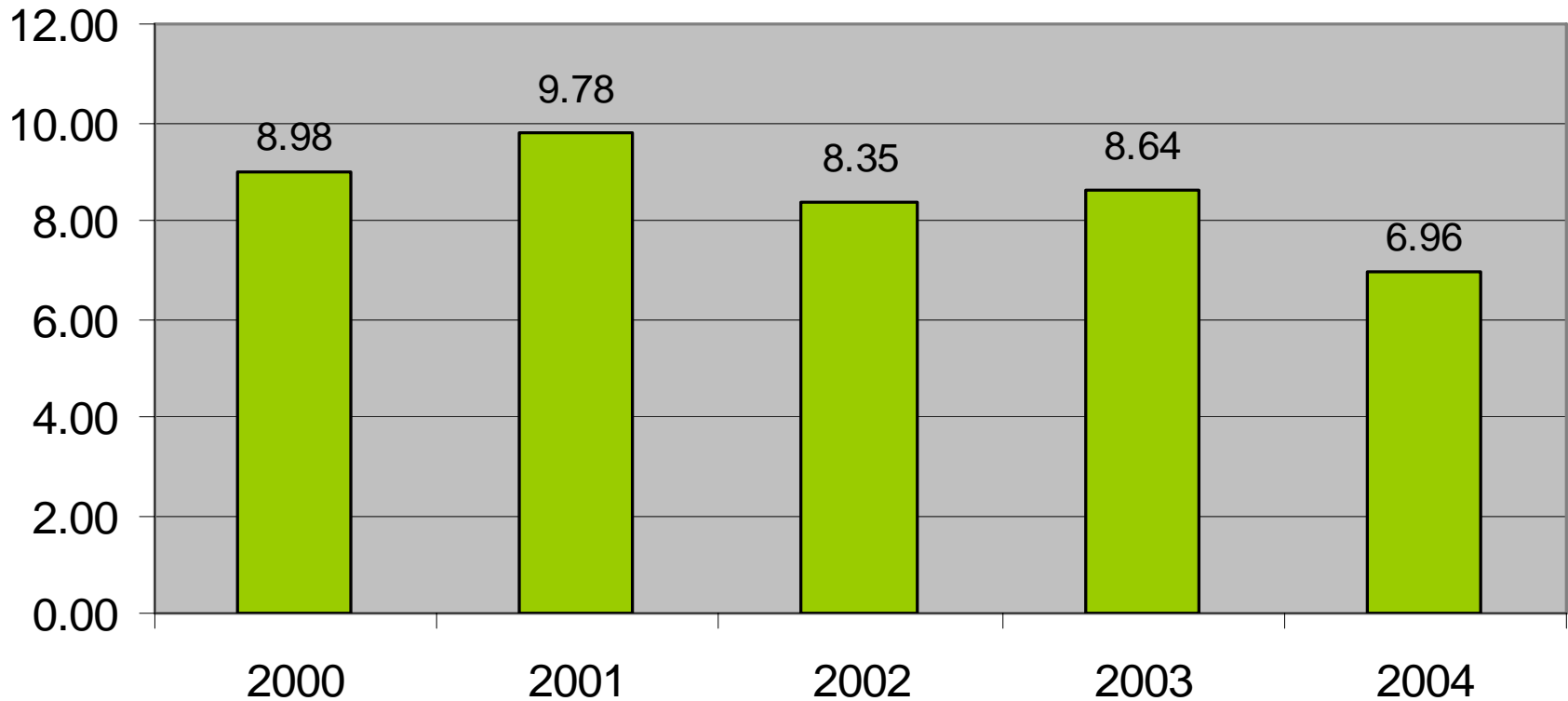
(Effective Enforcement Program)

Gas Distribution Excavation Damages per 1000 Tickets



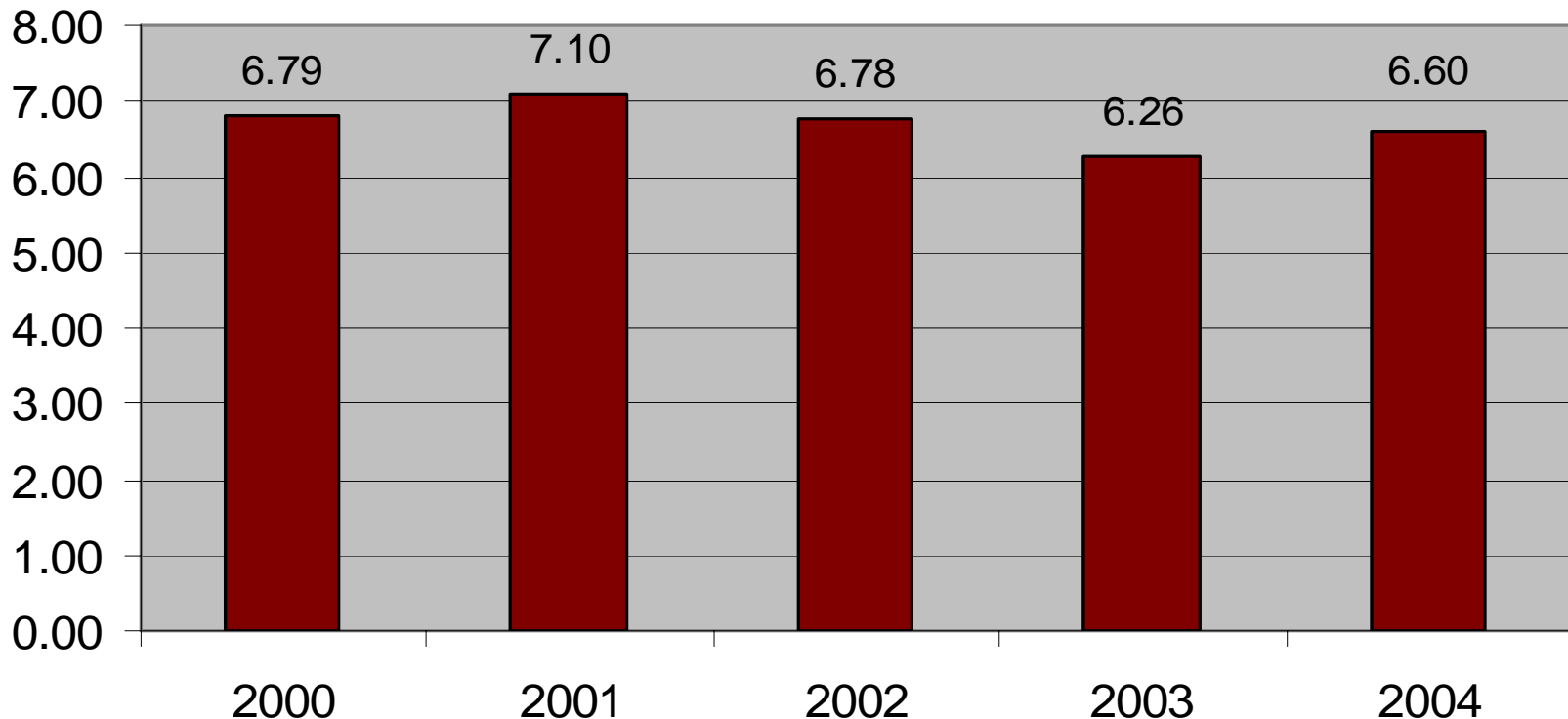
State Without Effective Enforcement

Gas Distribution Leaks Repaired per 1000 Tickets
Third Party (2000-2003) and Excavation (2004)



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D.I.M.P. Summary of Key Findings

- Excavation damage prevention presents the most significant opportunity for distribution safety enhancement.
- States with comprehensive damage prevention programs that include effective enforcement have a substantially lower risk of excavation damage to pipeline facilities and related consequences.
- Federal legislation should be enacted to support implementation of effective damage prevention programs at the state level consistent with the required elements.

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Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2002

- “Within 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission, facility operators, excavators, and one-call notification system operators, provide for the establishment of a 3-digit nationwide toll-free telephone number system to be used by State one-call notification systems.”

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3 Digit Dialing to One Call Centers

On Mar 10, the FCC announced the programmed implementation of 811, a nationwide 3 digit number for access to our one call centers

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811 status

- Celeritas has been contracted by the CGA to assist us in the rollout of 811
- Contracted with RBMM of Dallas to develop 811 logo and tag line
- Logo may be unveiled at CGA March Annual mtg in Phoenix
- Letters written to all NARUC Commissioners offering assistance and asking for their involvement in approving state tariffs for implementation of 811
- Many small to medium telecoms have completed 811 rollout
- Verizon Wireless working with the OCSI committee chairs to ensure a smooth nationwide rollout in early 2006

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- “Some telecommunications providers propose no recovery of costs, some propose recovery of direct actual costs only, and some have included a component for recurring charges. CGA-OCSI urges the Commissions to resolve these conversion issues in a reasonable and timely manner. “

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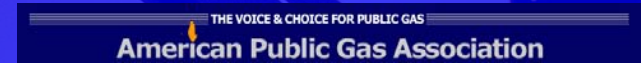
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