

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

CARROLLTON UTILITIES)	
_____)	
ALLEGED FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH)	CASE NO. 2015-00178
49 CFR § 191.9(A))	

ORDER

On June 15, 2015, the Commission issued an Order directing Carrollton Utilities (“Carrollton”) to respond to the allegations set forth in that Order and further ordered a hearing to be held on September 15, 2015. The allegations stem from a May 27, 2014 house explosion in Carrollton, Kentucky, to which Carrollton provided natural gas service.

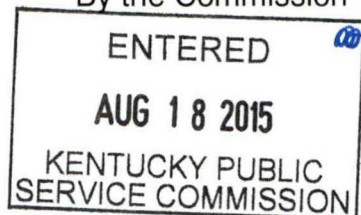
On August 4, 2015, Carrollton tendered a motion to dismiss the September 15, 2015 Hearing, or in the alternative to suspend the Hearing, and schedule an informal conference. In support of its motion, Carrollton argues that the origin of the fire at issue in this incident originated in the home’s basement. Because the explosion was purportedly not the result of a failure of Carrollton’s pipelines, it argues that the explosion was not an incident as defined in the applicable regulations. Therefore, Carrollton contends that the event was not reportable and the fact that its report was not submitted to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”) within the requisite 30-day period was not a violation.

The Commission finds that an informal conference may aid in simplifying and resolving the matters in this proceeding. Accordingly, Carrollton's motion to schedule an informal conference and suspend the September 15, 2015 Hearing should be granted. The Commission further finds that Carrollton's motion to dismiss should be deferred for consideration pending future development of the record in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Carrollton's motion to dismiss is deferred for future consideration.
2. Carrollton's motion to suspend the September 15, 2015 Hearing and schedule an informal conference is granted.
3. The September 15, 2015 Hearing in this matter is continued generally to a date to be determined.
4. An informal conference shall be held on September 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. EDT, at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

By the Commission



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