

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF DARWIN PRATER, LOUISA,)
KENTUCKY, TO DEVIATE FROM COMMISSION) CASE NO. 10,008
REGULATION 807 KAR 5:026, SECTION 6(7))

O R D E R

On July 23, 1987, Darwin Prater, Louisa, Kentucky, filed a letter with the Commission requesting authority to deviate from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026, Section 5(6), to use the existing 300-foot, one-inch service line from the Baiden Gas gathering system to his gas metering system and the 20-foot, one-inch line from his metering system to his property.

The Commission staff is of the opinion that the 300-foot, one-inch service line is not a deviation from 807 KAR 5:026, Section 5(6), which states, "All metering and regulation equipment shall be as near to the gathering line as practicable, in accordance with safe and accepted operating practices."

But the Commission staff does consider the 20-foot, one-inch yard line a deviation from 807 KAR 5:026, Section 6(7), which requires a yard line size of one and one-fourth inches.

Jack Stumbo, a member of the Commission staff, inspected the proposed location and found the 20-foot yard line had been removed and replaced with one and one-fourth inch plastic pipe, which is according to Commission regulations. Mr. Stumbo's report is attached as Appendix A.

BACKGROUND

On August 25, 1987, the Commission ordered Baiden Gas Company¹ to comply with the Commission regulation by September 1, 1987, by determining that all of its customers' hookups comply with the Commission regulations.

The customers of the Baiden Gas Company have been notified of changes required in their systems to comply with the Commission regulations, and their systems have been inspected by members of the Commission staff.

One of the violations of some Baiden Gas Company customers was using one-inch yard line instead of one and one-fourth inch line.

The lengths of the lines were measured, and the lines were tested by a member of the Commission staff.

CONCLUSION

The Commission, having considered the application and all evidence of record and being fully advised, is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Darwin Prater is not deviating from the Commission regulations by replacing his gas yard line with one and one-fourth inch plastic pipe.

2. Mr. Prater shall meet all other requirements of Public Service Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026.

¹ Case No. 9954, Failure of Baiden Gas Company to Comply with Commission Regulations.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Darwin Prater's application is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 2nd day of October, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Richard D. Hemmelf
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

INTRA AGENCY MEMORANDUM
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FARM TAP INSPECTION REPORT

DATE 8/31/87NAME OF CUSTOMER: Darwin PraterADDRESS: P. O. Box 363
Inez, Kentucky 41224COMPANY: Baiden Gas Company

TYPE OF INSPECTION: Final

PLASTIC PIPE DEVIATION NA CASE # _____CONSTRUCTION Mills & Horn Plng. CO. REFERENCE # _____

REPORT: "THE UNDERSIGNED HAS INSPECTED THE CONSTRUCTION OF SERVICE LINES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO THE CUSTOMER(S) NOTED ABOVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH 807 KAR 5:026, SECTION 3, SUBSECTION 4. THE INSPECTION(S) INDICATED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATIONS 807 KAR 5:026, GAS SECTION: SERVICE LINES AND HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES."

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Dear Sirs:

I am currently a customer of the Baiden Gas Company located on the northern end of Martin County, Kentucky. On July 20, 1987, your office held a public hearing on the requirements upon which a connection to any gas system can be made. At this public meeting, it was made clear that a deviation from KRS regulations would be considered by your regulatory agency upon receiving a written request, and an inspection by your field inspectors showed no compromise of safety.

My request is to deviate from the regulation named KRS 278.485(3) Section 5, Item (b). It states that all metering devices shall be as near to the gathering line as practical, in accordance with safe and accepted operating practices.

Before your agency became directly involved with the many customers on this system, my metering device was located approximately 300' from the gathering line. The line that the meter to the tap is 1" plastic, and is buried underneath the surface of the ground and is not exposed to sunlight. To move the metering devices and the regulators would require a considerable amount of work, and would require trenching methods by hand. All of this work would take me past the July 31 deadline imposed by the gas company.

I feel that no compromises in safety have been made in leaving this part of the system intact, and furthermore, I don't feel that Baiden Gas has any objections to its location due to: (1) It's been in that location for several years and (2) the relative ease in reading the meter.

The system has been renovated to KRS specs except for this request. Please send an inspector as soon as possible to view this request since I do not want to have my gas service disconnected.

I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Darvin Brater
Baiden Gas Consumer