

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INCIDENT INVESTIGATION OF COLUMBIA GAS)
OF KENTUCKY, INC. RELATING TO THE) CASE NO. 89-268
REPORTING OF AN EXPLOSION)

O R D E R

This case was established by Order of the Commission issued on October 4, 1989 on its own motion to investigate an explosion which occurred September 9, 1987 in Lexington, Kentucky, and which involves facilities owned and operated by Columbia Gas Company, Inc. ("Columbia"). At the same time this case was established, the Commission directed Columbia to file certain information with the Commission to facilitate the investigation. Columbia's response was filed on October 25, 1989.

After a review of Columbia's response, the Commission finds that Columbia's response is not satisfactory. Columbia has failed to completely and adequately respond to the Commission's request for information and has provided a map and certain charts which are not legible. Additionally, the Commission finds that Columbia's reasons for refusing to provide the Commission with certain in-house reports are not adequately supported, inapplicable in the context of a Commission investigation, and contrary to the Commission's statutory authority including but not limited to KRS 278.230.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Columbia is hereby compelled to provide complete and accurate responses to the following questions

and to provide copies of all requested information in legible form no later than December 18, 1989:

1. Information concerning all construction work within 4 blocks either side of the 8" gas pipeline, located near or under 1590 Delaware Avenue, including uprating, replacements, repair, pressure reduction, etc. on the main and including all work performed prior to and after the incident.

2. All information on construction or repair activities occurring within 30 days of the incident within Columbia's right-of-way four blocks in either direction from 1590 Delaware Avenue.

3. The map showing locations of gas mains and service lines near 1590 Delaware Avenue prior to the incident is not legible. Provide a legible copy. (Refer to Columbia's response No. 1 to the Commission's October 4, 1989 Order.)

4. Provide a copy of the "in-house" reports/tests that were prepared or completed as a result of Columbia's investigation of the fire/explosion including testing and abandonment of the main at 1590 Delaware Avenue. (Refer to Columbia's response No. 6 to the Commission's October 4, 1989 Order.)

5. Provide a copy of the video of the scene of the incident which is referred to in Columbia's response No. 8 to the Commission's Order of October 4, 1989.

6. Provide copies of the pressure charts for September 2, 1987 for Idle Hour #1051 (low pressure) and September 2, 1987 through September 9, 1987 for 3rd Street (low pressure).

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this

12th day of December, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director