

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF B.T.U. PIPELINE, INC.)
FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL TO DEVIATE) CASE NO. 95-029
FROM 807 KAR 5:022, SECTION 2 (4) (A))

O R D E R

By Order dated June 22, 1995, the Commission granted B.T.U. Pipeline, Inc. ("B.T.U.") a deviation for 18 months from 807 KAR 5:022, Section 2(4)(a), to allow it to construct a pipeline which complies with the Commission's regulations to replace an existing off-grade pipeline.

On November 15, 1996, B.T.U. filed a letter, which the Commission will treat as a motion, requesting an extension of time until June 1997 to replace the existing off-grade two-mile pipeline with SDR 11 ASTM D2513 pipe. B.T.U. stated that the purpose of requesting the additional 6 months is to raise capital from winter gas sales to enable it to complete the project. This pipeline provides gas to Ashland Transmission Pipeline and two residential customers.

During field visits to the site, the Commission's Gas Pipeline Safety Investigators were informed that B.T.U. is planning to replace the subject pipeline by August 1997 instead of June 1997 as originally proposed by B.T.U. The record currently contains insufficient information upon which to evaluate B.T.U.'s request.

IT IS ORDERED that B.T.U. shall file the original and 6 copies of the following information with the Commission, with a copy to all parties of record, no later than 10 days from the date of this Order. B.T.U. shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available at the public hearing, if one is held, to respond to questions concerning each item of information requested.

1. Provide the time schedule for installing the subject pipeline to include the purchase of material, installing the pipeline, and testing and operating the pipeline and related facilities.

2. Provide the specifications, including material type, diameter, and the maximum allowable operating pressure of the pipeline that will replace the existing off-grade pipeline.

3. Provide the maximum operating pressure of the existing pipeline.

4. Provide the estimated cost of the material and construction of the replacement pipeline.

5. Will the existing off-grade pipeline be removed? Explain.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of January, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director