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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

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A meeting of the Public Service Commission was held on this date. Present: Chairman James F. Gordon and Commissioners Simeon S. Willis and Leo King.

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In the Matter of

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| THE PROMULGATION OF CERTAIN RULES |) | ADMINISTRATIVE |
| AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING GAS PIPE |) | CASE NO. 91 |
| LINE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO THE PRO- |) | |
| VISIONS OF K.R.S. 278.485. |) | |

O R D E R

House Bill No. 93 passed by the General Assembly in the 1956 Regular Session amended KRS 278.485, Kentucky Revised Statutes. This amendment provided that every gas pipe line company obtaining gas from producing wells located within the Commonwealth of Kentucky upon the request of owners of property on or over which any producing well or gas gathering line is located or the owner of real estate whose property and point of desired service is located within one-half mile of said company's producing gas well or gas gathering pipe line shall furnish gas service to such owner or applicant subject to conditions set out in said Bill.

The Bill further provides that the gas service so rendered shall be furnished at rates determined by the Public Service Commission and that the construction of each service line, the

installation, type and number of automatic gas regulators and gas meter or meters, and the connection thereof with the gas producing well or pipe line shall be under the supervision of the Public Service Commission or an agent thereof and shall conform to such standards of safety, location and convenience as may be prescribed by said Commission.

A public hearing was held thereon in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky on the 27th day of September 1956 after due notice to all known gas pipe line companies affected. Notice to the public was given through the medium of the newspaper service serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

At said hearing the objections and suggestions of the interested parties to the proposed rules of the Commission were heard and considered.

The Commission being fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED That the following Rules and Regulations to be known as Administrative Order No. 91, be, and they hereby are, adopted by the Commission:

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GAS SERVICE

Under KRS 278.485, As Amended

All gas service furnished under KRS 278.485 as amended by House Bill 93, 1956 Kentucky General Assembly, shall comply with the following rules and regulations.

Instances not covered by these rules and regulations must meet, when applicable, the requirements of the American Standard Code for Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems (ASA B31.1.8 1955 being the code now in effect).

DEFINITIONS:

1. GATHERING LINE means any pipeline gathering gas from a producing gas well - excluding pipelines on the discharge side of compressor stations.
2. SERVICE LINE means any pipeline beginning at the point of connection to the gathering line and ending at the point or points of consumption.
3. GAS COMPANY means the owner of any producing gas well and/or gathering line.
4. COMMISSION means the Public Service Commission of Kentucky.

1. REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE

Persons desiring gas service under K.R.S. 278.485 as amended by House Bill 93, 1956 Kentucky General Assembly, shall file applications at the local gas company office, which shall contain the following information:

- A. Name and address of the applicant.
- b. Purpose for which gas is requested.
- c. Name and address of contractor installing service line and other facilities required to be furnished by applicant.
- d. Bill of material for complete job showing details and specifications of all materials and equipment from the gathering line to the riser shut off valve.
- e. Maps showing route and distance of service line, with a scale of 1 inch equals 100 feet.
- f. Name and address of gas company from which service is requested.

After receipt of the application, the gas company shall furnish the Commission's representative in that area with a copy of the application.

The gas company shall furnish, install and maintain the meter which shall remain its property.

The service tap including saddle and first service shut off valve shall be installed by the gas company and shall remain its property.

All other equipment and material required for such service shall be furnished, installed and maintained by applicant at his expense and shall remain applicant's property.

If leaks or other hazardous conditions are detected in the service line, the gas company shall have the right to discontinue service until such leaks or other hazardous conditions are repaired or remedied by consumer.

Applicant's gas service line shall be inspected and approved by the Commission representative before service is commenced.

2. CONNECTIONS TO HIGH PRESSURE GATHERING LINES

Connections shall be two inches or less in diameter but smaller than the diameter of the gathering line.

Connections shall be on the upper one-half of the pipe surface, preferably at an angle of 45°.

Connections shall be at right angles to the center line of the gathering line.

A service shut off shall immediately follow the connection to the gathering line.

3. CONTROL AND LIMITING OF GAS PRESSURE

When maximum pressures may exceed a 125 P.S.I., three step spring type regulators shall be used.

Every service line shall be equipped with an adequate relief valve on the outlet side of the final stage of regulation.

Regulators shall not be by-passed.

Each relief valve shall be vented into the outside air.

Vents shall be covered to prevent water and insects from entering.

All metering and regulating equipment shall be as near to the gathering line as practicable, in accordance with safe and accepted operating practices.

Each service shall have an insulating joint which shall follow the regulating units.

Regulating equipment shall be properly protected by the applicant.

4. SERVICE LINES AND METERING FACILITIES

The customer shall furnish and install the service line from tap to the point of consumption. The customer shall also secure all rights-of-way, railroad, highway and other crossing permits. The customer's service line shall be laid on undisturbed or well compacted soil in a separate trench avoiding all structures and hazardous locations. Where service line passes through cultivated land, the trench shall be of sufficient depth to permit a backfill cover of twenty four (24) inches above the service line. In other locations, the trench depth shall be 18 inches where practicable. No structure shall be erected over the service line. No branch tee or other connection shall be permitted on the line to serve any user other than the applicant except with the prior written consent of the gas company and the applicant, in which event the service to each user shall have an automatic cut-off valve with manual reset.

Service lines shall be constructed so as to avoid subsurface structures but in no case shall service lines be constructed within a distance of less than 36 inches from any subsurface structure or parallel thereto closer than 36 inches.

Service lines shall be purged for at least 15 minutes after testing to remove any air accumulations.

Metering pressure shall not exceed 8 ounces.

Service lines shall be constructed of new black steel pipe from the gas meter to the point of entering the building and shall be of a size not less than 1-1/4 inches.

Service lines shall enter buildings above the ground level with shut off valve located on the riser.

Each service shall have an automatic cut off valve with manual reset on the low pressure service regulator to shut off gas if gas pressure fails. The valve may be part of the final stage regulator when only one customer is served from the service line.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS OR OTHER DEFAULT

a. Customer shall pay the installation charge and thereafter pay the gas company for all gas delivered at rates determined therefor by the Commission. The gas company shall render statements to the customer at regular monthly or bi-monthly intervals for gas delivered, which said statements shall be rendered not later than ten (10) days following each billing period. Should the customer fail to pay for the gas delivered as shown by said statement within thirty (30) days following such billing period, or otherwise default and fail or refuse to comply with any rule or regulation of the Commission pertaining to such service, the gas company shall have the right to turn off the gas upon twenty-four (24) hours notice without any liability for any injury or damage to persons or property resulting therefrom. Service shall not be re-established until the customer shall pay the gas company all amounts due for gas delivered plus a turn-on charge of five dollars (\$5.00) and place himself in full compliance with all rules and regulations of the Commission pertaining to such service. In the event the customer fails or refuses to pay such unpaid bill(s) and turn-on charge and/or place himself in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Commission within sixty (60) days from the date the gas is turned off, the gas company may remove its meter and disconnect customer's service line from its gathering line and service shall not be re-established until the customer has complied with all the rules and regulations of the Commission pertaining to initial service.

b. The gas company shall have the right, if it so elects, to require a cash deposit or other guaranty from the customer to secure payment of bills.

6. GENERAL PROVISIONS

a. The gas company shall at all times have access to the premises where the connection is made and the meter is located with the right to shut off the gas and remove its property from said premises upon reasonable notice for any of the following reasons: for repairs or because of leakage; for non-payment of any bill; for failure to make a cash deposit; if such be required; for any violation of these rules and regulations; removal of customer from the premises where gas consumed; for fraudulent tampering with the meter, regulators or connection; for shortage of gas or reasons of safety; for larceny of gas; for any action by customers to secure through his meter gas for purposes other than those requested, or for any other party without the written consent of the gas company; for false representation with respect to the ownership of property for which service is furnished.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for an initial trial period of one year from October 1, 1956, and thereafter until changed by order of the Commission, the rates and charges for gas service for those desiring service under KRS 278.485 as amended by House Bill 93, 1956 Kentucky General Assembly, shall be uniform subject only to the exceptions hereinafter provided. Said rates and charges shall be as follows:

a. Each Gas Company may make and collect an initial charge of \$50 for each service tap, including saddle and first shut off valve which, under these Rules and Regulations, are required to be furnished and installed by the Gas Company. This charge shall be used as compensation to the Company to reimburse or partially reimburse the Company for said service tap including saddle and

shut off valve, and no part thereof shall be refunded by the Gas Company.

b. The monthly charges for gas service, except as herein-
after expressly provided, shall be as follows:

For the first 2 MCF - 80¢ per MCF
For the next 28 MCF - 60¢ per MCF
For the next 570 MCF - 50¢ per MCF
All over 600 MCF - 40¢ per MCF
The minimum bill shall be \$1.60 per month.

c. The only exception to the charges outlined above shall be that when any gas producing area is served by one company, such Company may elect to apply its own tariffs which have been filed and approved by the Commission, plus the \$50 charge for the service tap, including saddle and first service shut off valve shall be applicable.

d. The rates and charges herein fixed and approved shall not apply to existing gas connections and services, but shall apply only to connections and services hereinafter made pursuant to the provisions of KRS 278.405 as amended by House Bill 93, 1956 Kentucky General Assembly.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that since many people entitled to gas under the provisions of House Bill No. 93 are anxious and desirous of obtaining this gas at once and since it will be

necessary to construct facilities to receive such gas before cold weather the Commission finds that an emergency exists and that these rules should become effective forthwith.


Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of September 1956.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Secretary

I hereby concur in the finding of the Public Service Commission that an emergency exists and that the above rules should become effective forthwith.


Governor, Commonwealth of Kentucky