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## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

B.T.U. GAS COMPANY, INC.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 807 KAR 5:006, 807 KAR 5:022, 807 KAR 5:027, AND 49 C.F.R. 191-192 CASE NO. 2007 -00403

## FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO B.T.U. GAS COMPANY, INC.

B.T.U. Gas Company, Inc. ("BTU"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 is to file with the Commission the original and 6 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before June 25, 2008. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

BTU shall make timely amendment to any prior responses if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any requests to which BTU fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, BTU shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations.

1. Does BTU currently have an excess flow valve customer notification program in place? If so,

a. When was it first put into place?

b. Describe in detail the process used in administering the program.

c. Provide copies of all Excess Flow Valve Notifications signed and returned to BTU by customers for the past 3 years.

d. Provide proof of publication by BTU Excess Flow Valve Notifications for the past 3 years.

2. Provide a copy of BTU's written continuing public education program, also known as Public Awareness Plan.

a. When did BTU develop its program?

b. Was the guidance provided by the American Petroleum Institute Recommended Practice 1162 followed in the development of this plan? If not, explain what guidance was followed.

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3. Provide copies of all evaluations and other records for Jack Jordon, Louie Patrick and other individuals who have performed the tasks, specified in 49 C.F.R. 192.801, on BTU's pipeline system for the past three years.

4. Provide a map of BTU's system that shows the information required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 22. This should be of suitable scale of the general territory served by BTU or that is held out as territory that BTU is ready to serve, showing the following:

a Operating districts;

b Rate districts;

c. Communities served;

d. Location and size of transmission lines, distribution lines and service connections;

e. Location and layout of all principal items of plant; and

f. Date of construction of all items of plant by year and month.

5. Provide pictures of new pipeline markers in place throughout the system along with a list (addresses) where replacement markers were installed.

6. BTU submitted Operations and Maintenance and Emergency Plans that do not address the specific procedures for carrying out tasks as required by 49 C.F.R. § 192.605. Provide documented proof that all the provisions of 49 C.F.R. § 192.605 have been met.

7. Explain how BTU will be able to meet the requirements of 49 C.F.R. §192.625(f) if using a combustible gas indicator (CGI) instead of an odorometer.

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8. BTU's Operations and Maintenance Plan states that "Scheduled patrolling will be performed once each month." Provide all patrolling records for the past 3 years.

9. Provide documentation of equipment used during leak surveys and records of leak surveys for the past 3 years.

10. Is BTU willing to bring the equipment it uses during leak surveys to the informal conference to demonstrate its use to Commission Staff?

11. Provide a list of BTU's key valves, as well as records of the inspections and servicing of the key valves. (Although this was listed in BTU's Response as being provided, it was not.)

12. Provide documentation (equipment specifications, pictures of all regulator stations, records, etc.) to prove use of rupture discs.

13. Provide documentation evidencing all patrolling, surveying, inspection, testing, and maintenance as required by 49 C.F.R. § 192.603(b) for the past 3 years. (Although these were listed as included in the Response, they were not.)

14. BTU has claimed to have no pipeline exposed to the atmosphere, but has above-ground meters, regulator stations, etc. that should be inspected for atmospheric corrosion. Please explain why this has not or is not being done.

Stephanie Stumbo, Executive Director Public Service Commission P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

DATED: June 13, 2008

cc: Parties of Record