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**UTILITIES:**

Valley Gas, Inc.

**HEARINGS:**

05/03/22

Formal Hearing

**INDEX OF EVENTS:**

03/11/24 POST CASE: Gerald E. Wuetcher Valley Gas, Inc. Notice of Compliance/Motion to File Notice of Compliance Out-of-Time

04/18/23 POST CASE: Valley Gas, Inc. Penalty Payment - Ordered April 5, 2023

04/05/23 Final Order Entered: 1. Valley Gas is assessed civil penalties in the total amount of \$22,330.37 for the violations identified herein. 2. Valley Gas shall pay \$10,000 of the penalties within 30 days of the date of service of this Order by cashier's check or money order payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer, and mailed or delivered to the Office of the General Counsel, Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602. 3. The remaining civil penalties assessed shall be suspended contingent upon Valley Gas continuing to use a third-party contractor, such as USDI, or another contractor approved in writing by DOI, to ensure compliance with all minimum federal safety standards, for a period of five years. 4. Valley Gas shall file a report annually no later than December 31 of each year, documenting its use of a third-party contractor. 5. The Commission shall consider payment of the suspended portion of the penalties to be satisfied upon Valley Gas's satisfaction of the conditions discussed above. 6. Any documents filed pursuant to ordering paragraph 4 shall reference this case number and shall be retained in the post-case correspondence file. 7. This case shall be closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

06/27/22 Notice of Filing Post-Hearing Reply Brief

06/24/22 Parker M. Wornall Valley Gas, Inc. Post-Hearing Response

06/10/22 Notice of Filing Post-Hearing Brief

06/10/22 Parker M. Wornall Valley Gas, Inc. Initial Post-Hearing Brief

05/27/22 Notice of Filing Hearing Documents

05/24/22 Parker M. Wornall Valley Gas, Inc. Respondents Response to PSCs Data Request

05/10/22 COMMISSION STAFF'S POST-HEARING REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO VALLEY GAS, INC.

05/05/22 Order Entered: 1. Post-hearing data requests, if any, shall be filed on or before May 10, 2022. 2. Responses to post-hearing data requests shall be filed on or before May 24, 2022. 3. Commission staff counsel and counsel for Valley Gas may file simultaneous memorandum briefs in support of their post-hearing positions on or before June 10, 2022. 4. Commission staff counsel and counsel for Valley Gas may file simultaneous briefs in response on or before June 24, 2022. This case shall stand submitted for a decision by the Commission effective 12:01 a.m., June 25, 2022.

02/11/22 Parker M. Wornall Valley Gas, Inc. Response

01/10/22 Order Entered: 1. Valley Gas shall submit to the Commission within 30 days of the date of this Order a written response to the allegations contained in the Inspection Report. 2. Valley Gas's written response shall address the findings of violation in the Inspection Report, the status of remedial measures, and Staff's proposed assessment in the Demand Letter of a civil penalty. 3. Valley Gas shall appear on May 3, 2022, at 9 a.m., Daylight Savings Time, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of presenting evidence concerning the alleged violations of 49 C.F.R. Part 192 and 807 KAR 5:027, and of showing cause why it should not be subject to the penalties prescribed in KRS 278.992(1) for these alleged violations. 4. The May 3, 2022 hearing shall be recorded by digital video recording only. 5. The Inspection Report, Valley Gas' response to the report, and additional materials provided by Valley Gas to Staff are attached as Appendices A, B, and C to this Order and are made a part of the record in this case.