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UTILITIES:

Drakesboro Natural Gas Co.

HEARINGS:

08/15/23 Formal Hearing
 11/15/19 Formal Hearing
 06/20/19 Formal Hearing
 06/19/19 Formal Hearing
 03/08/19 Formal Hearing

INDEX OF EVENTS:

04/10/25 Final Order Entered: 1. Drakesboro's request for an extension of time is denied as moot. 2. Drakesboro shall: a. Continue the use of a third-party contractor approved by DOI, consistent with the February 25, 2021 Order in this matter, for compliance activities related to the operation of its gas system and to perform all leak surveys, regulator inspections, cathodic protection system inspections, and major maintenance activities until sufficient and qualified staff is retained, as determined by DOI staff, to perform these functions. b. Continue the use of qualified staff, as determined by DOI Staff, for daily operations; c. Continue to replace pipe as need based on the recommendation of the third-party contractor; d. Continue annual, not to exceed 15 months between each one, system-wide leakage surveys; e. Be inspected annually by the DOI; f. Remain in compliance with all state and federal pipeline safety standards; and g. File notice with DOI that its third-party contractor has completed construction of all regulator stations deemed necessary as stated in the last 2024 inspection on or before October 31, 2025. 3. The Commission shall consider payment of the suspended portion of the penalties assessed in the February 25, 2021 final Order entered in this matter to be satisfied. 4. To the extent that any portion of this Order may conflict with the Order issued on February 25, 2021, the conditions set out in this Order control.

10/29/24 Brian Jones City of Drakesboro Drakesboro Natural Gas Filing on behalf of City of Drakesboro in regards to 2 deficiencies found on 2024 audit with Psc. Enclosed will be 5 pages total of the corrective measures that the City of Drakesboro have taken to improve our natural gas system.

09/20/24 Letter Filing Drakesboro OQ Protocol 9 Report into the Record

09/20/24 Letter Filing Drakesboro Inspection Report 2024 into the Record

09/20/24 Letter Filing Drakesboro Inspection Report 2022 into the Record

09/20/24 Letter Filing Drakesboro Inspection Report 2021 into the Record

09/20/24 Letter Filing Drakesboro Inspection Report 2020 into the Record

05/10/24 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Response to Seventh Request

05/10/24 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Response to Sixth data request

04/12/24 COMMISSION STAFF'S SEVENTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO CITY OF DRAKESBORO D/B/A DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

03/05/24 Brian Anthony Jones Drakesboro Natural Gas Company January 2024 monthly PSC filing for the City of Drakesboro

01/18/24 PSC Subpoena - Shawn Martin

12/28/23 Abacus Engineering and Surveying Response to Commission Subpoena Duces Tecum

11/22/23 COMMISSION STAFF'S SIXTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO CITY OF DRAKESBORO D/B/A DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

10/09/23 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Response to Fifth Request for Information

09/22/23 COMMISSION STAFF'S FIFTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO CITY OF DRAKESBORO D/B/A DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

09/15/23 Letter Filing Document into the Record

07/06/23 Brian Jones City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System April 2023 monthly PSC filing for the city of Drakesboro

06/30/23 Order Entered: 1. The hearing scheduled for August 15, 2023, is canceled. 2. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to limit the Commission's ability to issue other orders in this proceeding.

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06/01/23 Order Entered: 1. A hearing in this matter shall be held on August 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and continuing until called from the bench by the presiding officer, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky. 2. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001E, Section 2, if the hearing is not concluded on the designated day, the hearing may be continued upon verbal announcement by the presiding officer. A verbal announcement made by the presiding officer shall be proper notice of the continued hearing. 3. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at the August 15, 2023 hearing. 4. City of Drakesboro d/b/a Drakesboro Natural Gas Company (Drakesboro) shall give notice of the hearing in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001E, Section 9(2)(b).

05/06/23 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Notice of filing of denial PHMSA grant

04/28/23 COMMISSION STAFF'S FOURTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

04/25/23 Brian Jones City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System March 2023 monthly filing for the City of Drakesboro

03/27/23 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Company Response to Third Request for Information

03/16/23 COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

03/15/23 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Response to Second Request for Information

03/14/23 Brian Jones Drakesboro Utilities February 2023 Monthly Filings

02/24/23 COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO CITY OF DRAKESBORO D/B/A DRAKESBORO NATURAL GAS COMPANY

02/08/23 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Response to Request to Information

02/06/23 Brian Jones Drakesboro Utilities Monthly work orders, patrols sniff tests and locates

01/17/23 COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON REHEARING TO THE CITY OF DRAKESBORO, KENTUCKY

01/03/23 Makenze Arnold The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas Company The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas Company December 2022 monthly PSC filing report.

12/02/22 Angela Payne City Of Drakesboro Natural Gas Systems November 2022 Monthly PSC Filing for the City of Drakesboro

11/07/22 Angela Jean Payne City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System Utility Strike Investigation completed

11/04/22 Angela Jean Payne City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System October 2022 Monthly PSC filing for the City of Drakesboro

10/04/22 Makenze Arnold City of Drakesboro Natural Gas City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System monthly filing report for September 2019

09/02/22 Angela Payne City of Drakesboro Natural Gas City of Drakesboro Natural Gas, August 2022 monthlyPSC filing

08/25/22 Sandy Goff City of Drakesboro 2022 Leakage survey report-1302 performed by USDI.

08/05/22 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. This is an update to information regarding Drakesboros grant applications.

08/03/22 Makenze Arnold The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas Systems Monthly Filing for the Month of July 2022.

07/01/22 Makenze R Arnold The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas The City of Drakesboro monthly June 2022 Public Service Commission filing.

06/06/22 Makenze Arnold The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas Distribution I am filing this separately from the monthly filing due to my error of not remember to put them in with the other documents. So this is a Amendment toward the City of Drakesboros May 2022 Monthly PSC Filing.

06/03/22 Makenze Arnold The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas Distribution The City of Drakesboro Monthly PSC filing for our natural gas distribution system.

05/02/22 Makenze R Arnold Drakesboro Natural Gas Distribution System This is the Monthly PSC Filing for the Month of April 2022.

04/04/22 Makenze Arnold City of Drakesboro Natural Gas Company Monthly PSC Filing for the month of March

03/04/22 Sandy Goff City of Drakesboro Report of February reports

02/25/22 Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Motion for additional time and provision of additional information

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02/09/22 Order Entered: 1. This case is be reopened and returned to the Commission's docket. 2. DOI's motion to reopen the case, conduct discovery, and schedule a hearing is granted. 3. DOI shall serve at least one round, and may service supplemental rounds, of information requests upon Drakesboro. 4. Drakesboro shall timely respond to DOI information requests. 5. A formal hearing shall be scheduled by separate Order. 6. Drakesboro's January 12, 2021 motion for an extension of time is held in abeyance until further Order of the Commission. 7. Ordering paragraph 3(a) of the February 25, 2021 Order is temporarily suspended until further Order of the Commission. 8. All other provisions of and deadlines in the February 25, 2021 Order that are not in conflict with this Order remain in full force and effect.

02/02/22 POST CASE: Makenze Arnold The City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System This is the City of Drakesboro Natural Gas Systems January Monthly Filing Report.

01/12/22 Ryan Driskell The City of Drakesboro Motion for additional time

01/05/22 POST CASE: Sandy Goff Drakesboro Natural Gas Documentation for the month of December.

12/01/21 POST CASE: Makenze Ford City of Drakesboro Natural Gas This is the City of Drakesboro Monthly PSC Natural Gas Filing.

11/04/21 POST CASE: Sandy Goff City of Drakesboro October Monthly PSC filing for the City of Drakesboro

10/04/21 POST CASE: Sandy Goff City of Drakesboro Patrolling of Drakesboro Pipeline System

10/01/21 POST CASE: Sandy Goff City of Drakesboro September activities

09/10/21 POST CASE: Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Filing of 2020 Financials

09/07/21 POST CASE: Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co Response to request for Information

09/01/21 POST CASE: Sandy Goff City of Drakesboro August 2021 Monthly PSC Filing for the City of Drakesboro.

08/04/21 POST CASE: Makenze Ford Drakesboro Natural Gas System This is the PSC Monthly Electronic Filing for the City of Drakesboro Natural Gas System.

07/09/21 POST CASE: Makenze Ford Drakesboro Natural Gas System June 2021 Monthly PSC Filing for the City of Drakesboro/.

07/02/21 POST CASE: Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Letter to PSC

06/08/21 POST CASE: makenze raye ford Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. This filing is for the Monthly PSC Filing of May, 2021.

05/07/21 POST CASE: Makenze Raye Ford Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. PSC Monthly Filing for the City of Drakesboro

04/02/21 POST CASE: Ryan Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. Monthly Filing Report post-hearing #1

02/25/21 Final Order Entered: 1. Drakesboro is assessed civil penalties in the total amount of \$864,000 for the violations identified herein.
2. Drakesboro shall pay \$30,000 of the penalties within 180 days of the date 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: (a) Drakesboro completing of the Phase I project recommended by Abacus by March 1, 2022; (b) Drakesboro replacing its four regulators and performing any related work on the regulator stations necessary to make Drakesboro's system safe in the long term by March 1, 2022, unless a licensed engineer opines that a regulator station may be eliminated, in which case Drakesboro may satisfy this condition by replacing all of the regulators not eliminated and satisfying any conditions identified by the licensed engineer as being necessary to eliminate regulators within the same period; (c) Drakesboro filing a plan with the Commission by March 1, 2022 for the replacement of all steel mains in its system.

02/28/20 Notice of Filing Reply Brief

02/21/20 Teresa Fulkerson City Of Drakesboro Post Hearing Brief

02/07/20 Notice of Filing

02/05/20 Order Entered: 1. DOI shall file its post-hearing brief on or before February 7, 2020. 2. Drakesboro shall file its post-hearing brief on or before February 21, 2020. 3. Drakesboro shall file any supplement to its responses to DOI's post-hearing data requests on or before February 21, 2020. 4. DOI shall file its reply brief on or before February 28, 2020. 5. This case shall stand submitted for a decision by the Commission effective 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, on February 29, 2020.

01/22/20 Notice of Filing Hearing Documents

12/03/19 Response to PSC Request for Information Clty of Drakesboro This is a response to the Post-Hearing Request for Information

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11/20/19 Commission Staff's Post-Hearing Request for Information to the City of Drakesboro, Kentucky
 11/15/19 Order Entered: 1. The Division of Inspections (DOI) of the Kentucky Public Service Commission shall file its post-hearing data request on or before Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Drakesboro shall file its response to the data request on or before December 3, 2019. 2. DOI shall file its post-hearing brief on or before Monday, January 6, 2020. 3. Drakesboro shall file its post-hearing brief on or before Tuesday, February 4, 2020. 4. DOI shall file its reply brief on or before Tuesday, February 11, 2020. 5. This case shall be submitted at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

11/06/19 PSC Subpoena Shawn Martin
 11/01/19 Teresa Fulkerson City of Drakesboro Bi-Weekly PSC filing
 10/22/19 Notice of Filing Hearing Documents
 10/18/19 Teresa Fulkerson City of Drakesboro Bi-weekly PSC filing for the City of Drakesboro Ky
 10/07/19 Order Entered: 1. Drakesboro shall appear on November 15, 2019, at 9 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of presenting evidence concerning the condition of its natural gas distribution system, the improvements that must be made to the system to assure its safe operation, and the estimated cost to complete these improvements. 2. The November 15, 2019 hearing shall be recorded by videotape only. 3. Drakesboro shall comply with all requirements set forth in the March 12, 2019 Order unless and until a requirement is modified or lifted by Order of the Commission.

10/04/19 Samantha Nasielski Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. This is the bi-weekly filing for Drakesboro Natural Gas for the week of 10/4/2019

09/20/19 Samantha Nasielski City of Drakesboro Bi-Weekly submission of the PSC filing
 09/18/19 Ryan Driskill City of Drakesboro This is a motion to modify the reporting requirement of the City of Drakesboro

09/13/19 Notice of Filing Hearing Documents
 09/06/19 Teresa Fulkerson City of Drakesboro Bi-Weekly submission of the PSC filing
 08/23/19 Teresa Fulkerson City of Drakesboro Bi-Weekly PSC filing
 08/10/19 Teresa Fulkerson City of Drakesboro Bi-Weekly submission of the PSC filing.
 07/26/19 Teresa Fulkerson City of Drakesboro Bi-Weekly PSC Filing
 07/12/19 Teresa Fulkerson City of Drakesboro Bi-weekly submission of documents
 06/28/19 Teresa Fulkerson City Of Drakesboro Submission of Bi-Weekly documents
 06/18/19 Notice of Filing Inspection Report
 06/14/19 Missy Holland City of Drakesboro Bi-weekly filing of documents from Drakesboro Gas System
 05/31/19 Missy Holland City of Drakesboro Bi- weekly report for Drakesboro Natural Gas System
 05/17/19 Missy Holland City of Drakesboro Bi- Weekly report for Gas system for the City of Drakesboro
 05/09/19 Ryan Driskill City of Drakesboro Notice of completion of leak survey
 05/09/19 Ryan Driskill City of Drakesboro Amended notice of line penetration
 05/09/19 Ryan Driskill City of Drakesboro Notice of Gas Line Penetration
 05/03/19 Ryan Bennett Driskill Drakesboro Natural Gas Status Report
 04/19/19 Ryan Bennett Driskill City of Drakesboro Status Quo Report
 04/17/19 Commission Staff's Initial Request for Information to City of Drakesboro, Kentucky
 04/05/19 Mike Jones City of Drakesboro Bi-Weekly report
 03/22/19 Ryan Driskill City of Drakesboro Answer to alleged violations
 03/22/19 Notice of Filing of Status Report City of Drakesboro This is the first status report
 03/12/19 Order Entered: 1. Pending further order of the Commission, Drakesboro shall operate its natural gas distribution system in compliance ordering paragraphs 2 through 8 of this Order. 2. Drakesboro shall use a qualified, third-party contractor approved by Commission Staff (Staff) to operate its gas system. 3. The third-party contractor shall provide one employee dedicated to the Drakesboro natural gas distribution system, and that employee shall be on site in Drakesboro during regular business hours and on-call during nights and weekends. Drakesboro shall provide the name and qualifications of the contractor employee to Staff, and shall immediately notify Staff if the identity of the dedicated contractor employee changes. 4. The third-party contractor shall have available and provide additional qualified personnel as necessary to respond promptly to emergencies on the Drakesboro natural gas distribution system. 5. Within 15 days of the date of this Order, the telephone number provided to Drakesboro's gas customers to report gas leaks and other emergencies shall be routed to and answered by the dedicated third-party contractor. 6. In the event of a natural gas leak classified as a Grade 1 leak under the Gas Piping and Technology Committee (GPRTC) standards for grading natural gas leaks, Drakesboro shall pre-authorize the third-party contractor to provide additional services as necessary to respond to the leak.

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- 03/11/19 Order Entered: 1. Drakesboro shall submit to the Commission, by the close of business on or before March 22, 2019, a written response to the February 28, 2019 Order and to the deficiencies enumerated in the February 26, 2019 Staff Inspection Report attached as an Appendix to the February 28, 2019 Order. 2. The hearing in this matter is continued to 10:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on June 19 and 20, 2019 at 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. 3. This Order shall be served by electronic mail to drakesboro@comcast.net and to rdriskill@hotmail.com by certified mail to: Drakesboro Natural Gas Company
212 Mose Rager Boulevard
P.O. Box 129
Drakesboro, KY 42337
- Ryan Driskill
Yonts, Sherman & Driskill, PSC
PO Box 370
Greenville, KY 42345
- 03/06/19 Amended Notice of Filing Drakesboro Natural Gas Co. This provides notice of filing of a contract with RussMar.
- 03/04/19 Order Entered: 1. The electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, shall be used in this case. Any party filing a paper medium shall upload an electronic version using the Commission's Electronic Filing System and shall file the original and one copy in paper medium. 2. The style of this case is revised to read, "City of Drakesboro d/b/a Drakesboro Natural Gas Company - Electronic Investigation of Alleged Failure to Comply with KRS 278.495, 807 KAR 5:027, and 49 C.F.R. PART 192."
- 03/04/19 Drakesboro Natural Gas Company Motion to Continue
- 03/04/19 Drakesboro Natural Gas Company Notice of Filing
- 03/01/19 Jordan Shaw Subpoena
- 03/01/19 Eddie Brake Subpoena
- 02/28/19 Order Entered: 1. Drakesboro shall submit to the Commission, by the close of business on Friday, March 1, 2019, a written response to the allegations contained in the Staff Report. 2. In addition to addressing the specific allegations and findings of violation in the Staff Report, Drakesboro shall state in its response whether it has entered into a written contract with a qualified third party to operate and maintain the city's gas system or it shall shut down operation of the system. 3. Drakesboro shall appear on March 8, 2019, at 10 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in Hearing Room 1 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. If Drakesboro states in its response to this Order that either it has contracted with a qualified third party to operate and maintain its gas system or it has shut down operation of the system, the hearing set in the preceding paragraph may be continued for good cause and rescheduled by the Commission at a later date. 5. At the scheduled hearing in this matter, Drakesboro shall also present evidence on the adequacy, safety, and reasonableness of its practices related to the construction, installation, maintenance, and operation of natural gas facilities.

Total Number of Cases: 1