

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

CUSTOMERS OF DAVIS BRANCH)	
GAS COMPANY,)	
COMPLAINANT)	
)	
VS.)	CASE NO. 9084
)	
DAVIS BRANCH GAS COMPANY)	

O R D E R

On May 7, 1984, the Commission received a petition from customers of Davis Branch Gas Company ("Davis Branch") regarding the operations and management of the utility. The petition was submitted by Mr. Richard Barber, who indicated he was spokesperson for the petitioners.

Subsequently, correspondence and meetings between Commission staff, Mr. Barber, and Mr. Sidney Garland, at the time manager of Davis Branch, took place in an attempt to resolve the complaint informally. However, on September 27, 1984, the Commission received a letter from Mr. Barber which indicated that the concerns of the petitioners had not been satisfied. A hearing was requested by the petitioners to resolve the complaint.

In October 1984, management of Davis Branch was assumed by Ms. Lenore H. Gullett. Since that time the Commission's Gas Section has conducted a comprehensive inspection of Davis

Branch citing numerous safety violations, to which Ms. Gullett has responded that "all necessary things will be done to satisfaction."

Additionally, recent conversations between Commission staff and Mr. Barber indicate that the petitioners no longer desire to have a hearing on the matters referred to herein.

On October 4, 1985, the Commission requested that Mr. Barber indicate by letter that a hearing was no longer requested. The Commission advised that if no response was received within 10 days it would be assumed that the complaint raised by the petitioners had been resolved. As of this date the Commission has received no response.

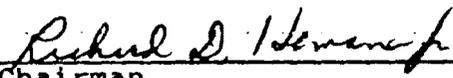
The Commission finds that the Complainant has indicated that a hearing in this matter is no longer requested and has failed to respond to the herein referenced letter of October 4, 1985.

The Commission also finds that a follow-up inspection, or other action must be implemented in order to assure the safe and efficient operation of Davis Branch.

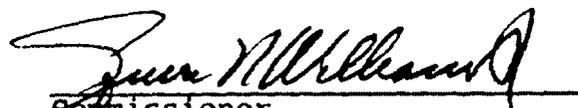
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the complaint filed in this matter is hereby dismissed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of January, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary