

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF MARY CLARK FOR DEVIATION)	
FROM COMMISSION REGULATION 807 KAR 5:022)	CASE NO. 91-390
AND 5:026)	

O R D E R

On October 8, 1991, Mary Clark requested a deviation from any Commission regulation which prevented her installation of a connection to the private gas line of Lucille Davis. Pursuant to KRS 278.485, Davis's gas line is connected to a pipeline owned by Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company ("Kentucky West"). Equitable Resources, Inc. ("Equitable"), the parent corporation of Kentucky West, meters and bills Kentucky West customers receiving service pursuant to KRS 278.485.

Davis and Equitable have consented to the proposed connection.¹ Their consent satisfies the requirements of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026, Section 6(2), which states in part:

No branch tee or other connection shall be permitted on the line to serve any user other than the applicant without prior written consent of the gas company and the

¹ See Letter from Lucille Davis to Bob Johnston (October 16, 1991) (discussing the proposed connection); Letter from Gary Greer to Jeff Schroeder (October 16, 1991) (discussing the proposed connection).

applicant, in which event service to each user shall have an automatic shutoff valve with manual reset located on the riser in a horizontal position.

No Commission action, therefore, is required on the proposed connection.

Equitable, however, refuses to install an additional meter to measure gas received by Clark. Installation of a meter would require moving Davis's meter to a point downstream of the proposed connection. Such movement would not be financially practical. As a result, Clark and Davis will be receiving gas through a single meter - an action inconsistent with Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:022, Section 8(2)(e). In light of the financial hardship created by this requirement, Equitable's willingness to dispense with a separate meter for Clark, and the agreement between Clark and Davis on payment for gas service, the Commission finds that good cause exists to grant Clark a deviation from the requirements of Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:022, Section 8(2)(e).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Equitable is granted a deviation from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:022, Section 8(2)(e), to provide service to Clark without installing a meter. This deviation shall cease upon Davis's request to Equitable to disconnect the connecting line or when either Davis or Clark requests that Equitable discontinue gas service. Upon termination of this deviation, Equitable shall ensure that the connecting line has been severed and properly capped.

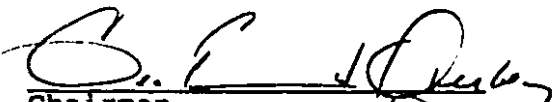
2. Pursuant to Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:026, Section 6(2), Equitable shall install a separate automatic shutoff valve

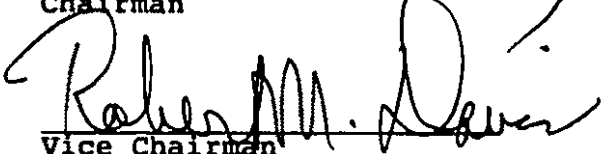
with manual reset for service to Clark. Since Equitable is not installing an individual meter set for Clark, the location of the automatic shutoff valve shall be at a location other than the riser.

3. Equitable shall not initiate gas service to Clark until the connecting facilities have been inspected and approved by the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of November, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director