

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE UNION LIGHT,)
HEAT AND POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY) CASE NO. 92-381
TO IMPLEMENT A GAS SERVICES SAFETY)
INSPECTION PILOT PROGRAM)

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") shall file the original and 12 copies of the following information with the Commission with a copy to all parties of record no later than 14 days from the date of this Order.

If the information cannot be provided by this date, ULH&P should submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and include a date by which it will be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission. ULH&P shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available at the public hearing for responding to questions concerning each item of information requested.

1. Refer to ULH&P's Application, paragraph 1. ULH&P estimates that 22,722 curb boxes are inspected annually for accessibility through its meterage change program, leak surveys, regulator and relief valve inspections, cathodic protection inspections, and underground damage prevention program.

a. State whether all information gathered from the programs listed above is entered into ULH&P's Gas Service Information System ("GSIS").

b. (1) If no, state whether ULH&P stores and maintains the information gathered from those inspections in a computerized information retrieval system.

(2) If yes, state whether ULH&P curb box inspectors or their supervisors have access to those computerized retrieval systems as well as GIS to ensure curb boxes are not needlessly reinspected.

c. (1) State whether, under the inspection programs noted above, excluding GIS, each of ULH&P's 59,723 curb boxes is inspected approximately every 3 years.¹

(2) State whether, under the inspection programs noted above, excluding GIS, some ULH&P curb boxes are inspected more than once annually while others are not inspected for several years.

d. (1) State whether ULH&P plans to merge all of its inspection computerized information retrieval systems to identify inspected curb boxes.

(2) If yes:

(a) State the expected date of this merger.

(b) Explain why ULH&P requires a 5-year deviation from Commission Regulation 807 KAR 5:006, Section 25.

(3) If no, explain why not.

2. a. State whether the information contained in GIS is updated.

¹ 59,723 curb boxes / 22,722 curb boxes inspected per year = 3 years.

b. If yes, state how frequently the information is updated and explain how the information is updated from the data fed from other inspection programs.

3. State whether there is a shut-off valve, other than the curb cock, at ULH&P's service line connection.

4. a. State whether the GIS identifies

(1) the condition of the service line;

(2) type of the service line;

(3) age of the service line;

(4) meter location.

b. For each item which GIS fails to identify, state whether ULH&P plans to add such information. If no, explain why not.

5. State how frequently ULH&P flushes and cleans its curb box.

6. State how frequently ULH&P tests its curb valves.

7. a. State the amount of savings if the proposed plan is implemented.

b. Show all calculations and state all assumptions used to obtain this estimate of savings.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of November, 1992.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For The Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director