

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF B.T.U. PIPELINE, INC.        )  
FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL TO DEVIATE        ) CASE NO. 95-029  
FROM 807 KAR 5:022, SECTION 2(4)(a)        )

O R D E R

On June 22, 1995, the Commission granted B.T.U. Pipeline, Inc. ("BTU") an 18-month deviation from 807 KAR 5:022, Section 2(4)(a), to replace a two-mile, off-grade pipeline by installing a standard pipeline manufactured for natural gas distribution service. The Commission ordered the replacement to be accomplished no later than January 15, 1997. On June 10, 1997, the Commission entered an Order extending the time for the replacement to be accomplished to August 31, 1997. The June 10, 1997 Order directed BTU to file with the Commission a schedule of construction of the new line.

On January 22, 1998, by letter from Richard Williams, operations manager of BTU, the Commission was informed of BTU's intention to sell the pipeline.

On July 15, 1999, an informal conference was held with representatives of BTU and Commission Staff to discuss, among other things, the pipeline in question. At that conference it was agreed that the off-grade pipeline would be removed from the BTU system by physically severing the pipeline and capping it.

On July 17, 1999, BTU, in the presence of a Commission gas utility investigator, severed a three-foot section of the off-grade pipeline and capped the line. The investigator reported a valve was closed on the opposite end of the line. The inspector has filed a

report to confirm the removal of the pipeline from the BTU system.<sup>1</sup> As the off-grade pipeline has been removed from BTU's gas distribution system, it is no longer necessary for BTU to install a standard pipeline manufactured for natural gas distribution service.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The deviation for use of the off-grade pipeline is denied.
2. The off-grade pipeline is not to be used for transportation of natural gas.
3. This case is closed and shall be removed from the Commission's docket.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> Report of Gas Utility Investigation dated July 20, 1999.