

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PETITION OF STEPP BRANCH)
GAS COMPANY, INC. TO CEASE)
OPERATIONS OF ITS NATURAL) CASE NO. 2002-00182
GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM)

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
TO STEPP BRANCH GAS COMPANY, INC.

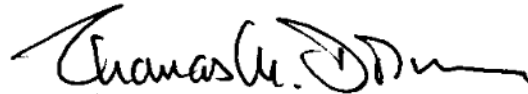
Stepp Branch Gas Company, Inc. (Stepp Branch), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is requested to file with the Commission the original and six copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before July 2, 2002. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request. When applicable, the information requested herein should be provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations, separately.

1. Provide the current gas supply contract between Stepp Branch and Columbia Natural Resources (CNR).

2. Identify alternative sources of gas for the time period beyond the term of the CNR contract with estimated cost and time to develop the source.
3. Provide the volume of gas that Stepp Branch has purchased from CNR since the break in the gas line occurred.
4. Provide any invoices that Stepp Branch has received from CNR since the break in the gas line occurred.
5. Provide a cost estimate for the relocation of the pipeline that washed out in the May 2002 flood.
6. Provide any estimates that Stepp Branch has obtained for insurance premiums in the last 6 months.
7. Provide the total number of customers that are presently being served by Stepp Branch, and
 - a. The number of customers that are presently being served from the Lydia Kirk gas well.
 - b. The number of customers that are served from the CNR connection.
8. Provide the length, material, and diameter of the pipelines in the Stepp Branch distribution system. If any pipelines are in a flood zone area, please provide the length of the pipes and state how deeply they are buried.
9. What are the maximum and minimum operating pressures of the gas in the Stepp Branch system?
10. What is the shutoff pressure at the head of Lydia Kirk gas well?

11. What is the minimum running pressure of the Lydia Kirk gas well? Provide the flow rate or number of customers served from the well at that minimum pressure.

12. Provide a map showing the Stepp Branch distribution system. If a map is not available, please hand sketch the location of the pipelines on a topographic map.



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DATED June 26, 2002

cc: All Parties