

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF MIKE LITTLE	)	
GAS COMPANY, INC., MIKI THOMPSON,	)	
WINNIE GREER, AND DANIEL GREER,	)	
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS OFFICERS OF	)	CASE NO. 2007-00107
THE UTILITY, FOR ALLEGED VIOLATIONS	)	
OF COMMISSION ORDERS AND SAFETY	)	
VIOLATIONS PURSUANT TO KRS 278.990	)	
AND KRS 278.992	)	

O R D E R

On June 20, 2007, the Commission entered an Order in this matter against Mike Little Gas Company, Inc. ("Mike Little") and its officers. Mike Little, Miki Thompson as President, and Winnie Greer as Treasurer were each assessed a \$5,000 civil penalty for the violation of a prior Commission Order in Case No. 1999-00267.<sup>1</sup> The subject of the prior Commission Order was the failure to replace sections of steel pipe in the Mike Little system. In a part of the Settlement Agreement in this case contained in the Order of June 20, 2007, Mike Little agreed to have the steel pipe replaced by October 1, 2007. Based upon that agreement, we suspended the \$5,000 penalty until October 1, 2007, with the condition that if the pipe was replaced and confirmed by Commission Staff, the entire penalty of \$5,000 would be forgiven. On August 1, 2007, Mike Little filed a motion requesting an extension of time to comply with the Commission's Order for the

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 1999-00267, Miki Thompson and Winnie Greer d/b/a Mike Little Gas Company, Inc., Investigation Into Alleged Violations (Ky. PSC June 25, 2004).

replacement of the steel pipe in the Mike Little system. Mike Little also filed a progress report of its efforts. We extended the replacement deadline until September 4, 2007. On September 26, 2007, we granted a second requested extension of time for replacement of the steel pipe until November 1, 2007.

On October 15, 2007, Mike Little filed a third request for an extension of time beyond the November 1, 2007 deadline to replace the steel pipe. Mike Little states that it was proceeding with the replacement, nearing 80 percent completion, but was ordered to cease construction by a representative of the Kentucky Department of Transportation (“DOT”) for noncompliance with DOT regulations. Mike Little further states it is without knowledge as to the basis of the noncompliance, but is making every attempt to learn the basis and become compliant. We have not been informed as to Mike Little’s efforts nor the reason for the noncompliance with DOT regulations. We further note that the replacement of the steel pipe was the subject of a case that began in the last century. We will require Mike Little to fully inform the Commission of the issues with the DOT and its efforts to resolve the matter before we determine the length of any extension or if further action in this matter is required.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Mike Little’s motion for an extension of time is continued until a further Order of the Commission.

2. Mike Little shall file a response to the following questions on or before November 9, 2007:

- a. Provide any correspondence sent to Mike Little concerning the direction to cease construction for the pipeline.
- b. Provide any inquiry that Mike Little has made as to the reason for such cease-construction directive.
- c. Provide any timetable Mike Little has for the completion of the construction.
- d. Does Mike Little have an encroachment permit to construct a pipeline on state right-of-way?

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2007.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director