

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

FAILURE OF KEN-GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.     )  
TO COMPLY WITH A COMMISSION ORDER     )     CASE NO. 9987

O R D E R

On August 7, 1987, an Order was issued requiring Ken-Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Ken-Gas") to appear in the Commission's offices to show cause why it should not be fined for failure to comply with an Order issued May 22, 1987. Ken-Gas was also required to respond to a data request attached as Appendix A to that Order. On August 20, 1987, the Commission received Ken-Gas' response to the data request.

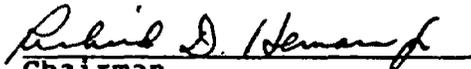
Question 12 of the data request required certain information regarding as-built drawings of the Burkesville system. Commission staff has reviewed the information supplied and found the response to be insufficient. Ken-Gas states that its as-built drawings will be signed by the contractor, the on-site inspector for Ken-Gas, and the owner of the system. One purpose of as-built drawings is to use them as verification of what equipment and materials the installed system consists. The verification is done, i.e., the as-built drawings are signed off, by a person with no relationship to the contractor who installed the system. The Commission has required in virtually every previous instance that such as-built drawings be signed by a registered engineer.

It is the opinion of the Commission that the as-built drawings to be submitted by Ken-Gas should be signed by a registered engineer to assure that the Burkesville gas system complies with Commission regulations and that the system has been constructed and installed as depicted in the as-built drawings. If this requirement cannot be met, the burden should be on Ken-Gas to present evidence that the individuals who sign the as-built drawings have the necessary background, experience, and knowledge regarding a natural gas system to allow the Commission to accept as-built drawings that are not signed by an engineer.

After reviewing the record and being advised, the Commission HEREBY ORDERS that Ken-Gas shall submit as-built drawings in compliance with the May 22, 1987, Order which demonstrate that the construction and installation of the Burkesville gas system has complied with Commission regulations and that have been signed by individuals who can attest through their background, experience, and knowledge that the system depicted is identical to the system installed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of August, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director

  
Commissioner