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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CHARLESTON, 25305

October 26, 1981

STATE REGISTER FILING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

I, Howard M. Cunningham, Executive Secretary, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, hereby submit to record in the State Register on 8-1/2" x 11" paper two (2) copies of a proposed rule which revises the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Gas Utilities and Gas Pipeline Safety, as contained in Series IV, P.S.C., promulgated by the Commission in General Order No. 185.5.

This proposed rule is filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of West Virginia, pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 29A, Article 3, Section 8, Code of West Virginia. Any interested party may submit data, objections, suggested amendments, comments, evidence and arguments, in writing, concerning the proposed rule with the Public Service Commission of West Virginia until 5:00 p.m., November 30, 1981.

October 26, 1981
Date Submitted

Howard M. Cunningham
Howard M. Cunningham
Executive Secretary

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF
A. JAMES MANCHIN
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 10-26-81

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON

At a session of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA, at the Capitol in the City of Charleston on the 26thday of October, 1981.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 185.5

In the Matter of Revision of
Rules and Regulations for the
Government of Gas Utilities
and Gas Pipeline Safety: Utility
Standard Safety Requirements
Concerning Customer Connections.

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Commission that gas utilities operating in West Virginia have adopted certain safety provisions and operating practices and procedures concerning customer connections, more specifically set forth in the National Fuel Gas Code or similar documents; and

WHEREAS, said gas companies are using safety practices and terms and conditions of service to determine whether or not a customer's private gas system may be provided gas service; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Commission deems it in the public interest for all such safety practices, rules and regulations, and terms and conditions of service to be made a part of the gas utility's tariff on file with the Commission, or referenced therein;

IN CONSIDERATION WHEREOF, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that three (3) of its Rules and Regulations for the Government of Gas Utilities and Gas Pipeline Safety should be amended as follows:

1. Rule 4.01 (1), Customer Information - Information as to Service, should be amended to read:

> "Each utility shall, upon request, give its customers such information and assistance as is reasonable, in order that customers may secure safe and efficient service. <u>The information contained in the utility's safety requirements concerning customer connections required to be filed pursuant to Rule 8.03 infra, shall be furnished to all customers installing new or revising existing customer service lines</u>."

2. Rule 5.04 (4), Installation of Services and Meters - Customer's Service, should be amended to read:

> "The customer shall furnish and lay the necessary pipe to make connection from the property line abutting the utility's main, to the place of consumption, and shall keep the service line in good repair. The service line shall be installed and tested in accordance with the Minimum Safety Standards and the approved standards of the utility <u>utility safety requirements concerning customer</u>

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connections required to be filed pursuant to Rule 8.03 infra. The customer shall not make any change in or interfere with said customer's service line without approval of the utility."

3. Rule 8.00, Safety Requirements, should be amended by adding a new section, Rule 8.03, to read as follows:

"8.03 APPROVAL OF STANDARD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS

Every utility shall include a statement in its tariff on file with the Commission which shall list or set forth the title of the publication listing all safety requirements and provisions adopted by the utility governing the installation and maintenance of customers' gas applicances, service lines or piping. Each utility shall keep a copy of such safety requirements and provisions available for public inspection at each of its offices."

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The proposed amendments and rules set forth in this order shall be adopted and promulgated pursuant to West Virginia Code Section 29A-3-1 through Section 29A-3-10 as proposed amendments and rules of this Commission to be included in the Commission's Rules and Regulations for the Government of Gas Utilities and Gas Pipeline Safety.

2. All gas utilities which operate in this State over which the Commission has authority to regulate services to the public are hereby made parties and respondents to this proceeding.

3. The Executive Secretary of the Commission is directed to file a copy of this order with the Office of the Secretary of State for inclusion in the State Register, together with the notice as required by West Virginia Code, Section 29A-3-8, attached as Appendix A, which notice shall be published as a Class I legal advertisement in each County in this State at the expense of the Commission. This notice provides all interested parties an opportunity to submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. November 30, 1981.

4. The Executive Secretary shall send a copy of this order by certified mail to each gas utility made a respondent to this proceeding.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A TRUE COPY

TESTE:

Howard M. Cunningham
HOWARD M. CUNNINGHAM
Executive Secretary

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 185.5

In the Matter of Revision of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Gas Utilities and Gas Pipeline Safety: Utility Standard Safety Requirements Concerning Customer Connections.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

On October 26, 1981, the Public Service Commission of West Virginia promulgated a proposed rule which requires gas utilities to file, as part of their tariffs, the name of any safety requirements and provisions adopted by the utilities concerning customer connections. The proposed rule also requires the gas utilities to make these safety requirements and provisions available for public inspection at all utility offices. The Commission further promulgated amendments to its existing rules in order to reference the new proposed rule.

Any interested party shall, by 5:00 p.m. November 30, 1981, submit to the Executive Secretary's Office, Room E-217, State Capitol, Charleston 25305, in writing, any data, objections, suggested amendments, comments, evidence and arguments. No comments will be received after this date unless a showing of good cause is made.

Copies of the rule may be obtained from the Executive Secretary's Office, telephone number (AC-304) 348-2182.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA

Howard M. Cunningham
Executive Secretary