

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 23rd
day of July, 1993.

In the matter of approval of Pipeline Replacement)
Programs required by 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)) Case No. GO-94-15
submitted by the City of Fulton.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING DOCKET AND
APPROVING PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

On July 19, 1993, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Motion to Establish Docket for Commission approval of a pipeline replacement program filed by the City of Fulton, Missouri, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(c), and (d).

Rule 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(c) of the Commission's gas pipeline safety regulations requires operators of natural gas transportation systems in Missouri having facilities which contain unprotected steel service lines and yard lines to establish annual instrument leak detection surveys and replacement programs for Commission review and approval and to notify the Commission which of three optional replacement programs the operator intends to implement.

Rule 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(d) of the Commission gas pipeline safety regulations requires operators of natural gas transmission systems in Missouri having facilities which contain cast iron transmission lines, feeder lines, or mains to establish and submit a replacement and cathodic protection program to the Commission for its review and approval.

The City of Fulton, Missouri, was exempt from enforcement of these rules by a stay of enforcement issued by the Circuit Court of Cole County at the time of the May 1, 1990, deadline. Subsequently, as part of a settlement reached in a gas incident complaint case, Case No. GC-90-6, the City of Fulton filed an accelerated pipeline replacement program with the Commission on August 5, 1992.

After Staff review, a revised program was submitted by the City of Fulton in February, 1993.

After Staff review of the revised programs under both sections (c) and (d), the Staff, in its motion, recommends Commission approval of the revised cast iron replacement program and acknowledgement of the required option chosen by the City of Fulton.

The Staff notes that the City of Fulton has selected replacement option #3 in 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(c), with the exception that the replacement program has been accelerated from 10 years to 7 years, per the terms of the settlement agreement.

After Commission review of the Staff's motion and attached Exhibits A, B, and C, all of which are incorporated herein as if fully set out and referred to as Exhibit A, and in light of the extensive negotiations between Staff and the City of Fulton, Staff's agreement as to the sufficiency of the filing, and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the program proposal, as revised and agreed to by the Staff in Exhibit A herein, is in compliance with 4 CSR 240-40.030(15) and is hereby approved.

Further, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(c), the Commission acknowledges that the City of Fulton has chosen option #3, as set out in Exhibit A.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That this docket is established for the review and approval of a proposed gas safety program submitted by the City of Fulton, Missouri, and acknowledgement of a compliance option by the City of Fulton, all pursuant to 4 CSR 240-40.030(15).

2. That the Commission hereby acknowledges that the City of Fulton has chosen an option, option #3, as required by 4 CSR 240-40.030(15)(c), as set out in Exhibit A herein.

3. That the revised cast iron replacement program as submitted by the City of Fulton, Missouri, and as set out in Exhibit A herein, is hereby approved in accordance with 4 CSR 240-40.030(15).

4. That this order shall become effective on August 3, 1993.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC.,
Concur.