

STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 21st
day of November, 1995.

Application to rescind waiver to Arkansas)
Western Gas Company d/b/a Associated Natural) CASE NO. GO-95-375
Gas Company from Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-)
40.030(4) (GG)2.B.)

ORDER RESCINDING WAIVER

In Case No. GO-90-167, the Commission granted Arkansas Western Gas Company d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company (Associated) a waiver from provisions of 4 CSR 240-40.030(4) (GG)2.B. which required shutoff valves to be installed in the control line of a regulator at a pressure reduction station. The Commission granted Associated a waiver of the requirement to place a shutoff valve in the control line of an operating regulator tapping upstream from the regulator station outlet valve. The waiver applied only to regulator stations installed after 1971.

On June 26, 1990, the Director of the United States Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) objected to the waiver. Staff then sent OPS additional information to support the waiver. Subsequently, OPS reconsidered its position and in a letter dated October 16, 1991, the Director of OPS approved the waiver.

Associated recently informed the Staff of the Commission (Staff) that it no longer needs the waiver because it has installed shutoff valves in the control lines of operating regulators in all their regulator stations installed after 1971. Associated installed the shutoff valves

following the OPS denial in June, 1990 and prior to the OPS approval in October, 1991.

On May 15, 1995, Staff filed a motion requesting that the waiver granted to Associated be rescinded. Staff states that the waiver is no longer necessary because Associated currently complies with 4 CSR 240-40.030(4)(GG)2.B.

Notice of Staff's motion was provided and responses were directed to be filed on or before July 11, 1995. Upon Staff's request, the deadline for responding to Staff's motion was extended to August 15, 1995. On August 15, 1995, Associated filed a response to Staff's motion stating it had no objection to the rescission of the waiver.

Upon review of Staff's motion and Associated's response, the Commission finds that the conditions which created the need for the waiver no longer exist. Thus, the Commission finds that the waiver granted to Associated is unnecessary and should be rescinded.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion filed by the Staff of the Commission to rescind the waiver of 4 CSR 240-40.030(4)(GG)2.B. granted to Arkansas Western Gas Company d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company is hereby granted.

2. That the waiver from the provisions of 4 CSR 240-40.030(4)(GG)2.B. granted to Arkansas Western Gas Company d/b/a Associated Natural Gas Company in Case No. GO-90-167 is hereby rescinded.

3. That a copy of this Order shall be filed in the official case file of Case No. GO-90-167.

4. That this Order shall become effective on December 1, 1995.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe,
Crompton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.