

DEC 11 2003

Mr. David Anglin Vice President, Operations Atmos Energy 1200 11th Avenue Greeley, CO 80631

RE: CPF No. 35113

Dear Mr. Anglin:

Enclosed is the Final Order issued by the Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety in the above-referenced case. It makes findings of violation and finds that you have completed the corrective actions proposed in the Notice. This case is now closed. Your receipt of the Final Order constitutes service of that document under 49 C.F.R. § 190.5.

Sincerely

Gwendolyn M. Hill

Pipeline Compliance Registry Office of Pipeline Safety

Enclosure

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION OFFICE OF PIPELINE SAFETY WASHINGTON, DC 20590

In the Matter of	
Atmos Energy,	CPF No. 35113
formerly known as Greeley Gas Company,	CFF NO. 33113
Respondent	
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FINAL ORDER

On March 20-21, 1995, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 60117, a representative of the Central Region, Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) conducted an on-site pipeline safety inspection of Respondent's facilities and records at the Pleasanton, Kansas, district office. As a result of the inspection, the Director, Central Region, OPS, issued to Respondent, by letter dated June 5, 1995, a Notice of Probable Violation and Proposed Compliance Order (Notice). In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 190.207, the Notice proposed finding that Respondent had violated 49 C.F.R. § 192.605 and proposed that Respondent take certain measures to correct the alleged violations.

Respondent responded to the Notice by letter dated June 29, 1995 (Response). Respondent did not contest the allegations of violation but provided information concerning the corrective actions it has taken. Respondent did not request a hearing, consequently Respondent waived its right to one.

FINDINGS OF VIOLATION

In its Response, Respondent did not contest the alleged violations in the Notice. Accordingly, I find that Respondent violated the following section of 49 C.F.R. Part 192, as more fully described in the Notice:

49 C.F.R. § 192.605 – failing to prepare written procedures for the following: examination of buried pipeline when exposed; electrical isolation for external corrosion control; internal corrosion control; patrolling of a transmission system; and prevention of accidental ignition.

These findings of violation will be considered prior offenses in any subsequent enforcement action taken against Respondent.

COMPLIANCE ORDER

The Notice proposed a compliance order for the violations of 49 C.F.R. § 192.605. In its response Respondent submitted copies of procedures added to its manual that addressed the notice, which the Director, Central Region, OPS reviewed. Accordingly, based on the results of this review, I find that Respondent has corrected the identified inadequacies. Because Respondent's actions satisfied the proposed compliance terms, no need exists to issue a compliance order.

Under 49 C.F.R. § 190.215, Respondent has a right to petition for reconsideration of this Final Order. The petition must be received within 20 days of Respondent's receipt of this Final Order and must contain a brief statement of the issue(s). The filing of the petition automatically stays the payment of any civil penalty assessed. All other terms of the order, including any required corrective action, remain in full effect unless the Associate Administrator, upon request, grants a stay. The terms and conditions of this Final Order are effective on receipt.

Stacey Gerard

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety

Date Issued