

G-012/CI-89-904 ORDER REQUIRING FILING

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of
the Department of Public Service
for an Investigation of Western
Gas Utilities, Inc.

ISSUE DATE: October 15, 1992

DOCKET NO. G-012/CI-89-904

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 29, 1989, the Commission issued its ORDER INITIATING AN INFORMAL INVESTIGATION OF WESTERN GAS in the above-captioned matter.

On January 31, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS AND REQUIRING REFUND. In Ordering Paragraph 8 of that Order the Commission directed Western Gas Utilities, Inc. (Western or the Company) to file a proposed method for the Company to use to investigate and monitor meters and other possible causes of the past discrepancies between gas volume purchases and sales and file a final report showing the cause of the discrepancies within six months of January 31, 1991.

On August 2, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER APPROVING COMPLIANCE FILINGS AND REQUIRING FURTHER FILINGS. In that Order the Commission stated with regard to Ordering Paragraph 8 that the Company had filed an appropriate investigation plan on March 5, 1991 and that the Commission would await the Company's final report.

On August 12, 1991, Western asked for a time extension for filing the final report required by Ordering Paragraph 8. The Company explained that it was not possible to complete the final report because its supplier, Panda Resources, had not confirmed the amount that it had overbilled the Company in December 1989.

On September 24, 1992, in the course of considering the proposed Stipulation and Offer of Settlement in Docket No. G-012/GR-92-22, the Commission considered Western's compliance with Ordering Paragraph 8 of the Commission's January 31, 1991 Order in this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Western has not filed the final report required by Ordering Paragraph 8 of the Commission's January 31, 1991 Order in this matter. On August 12, 1991, the Company asked for an extension of the six month due date for the final report. As of September 4, 1992, the Company still had not received a confirmation from Panda Resources, its supplier, of the amount Western was overbilled in December 1989. The Company said it would make its report as soon as it resolved the billing issue with Panda.

The Commission has extended the Company adequate time to complete this report and desires closure on this issue. To that end, the Commission will direct the Company to file its final report within 45 days of this Order.

ORDER

1. Within 45 days of this Order, Western shall file the final report required by Ordering Paragraph 8 of the Commission's January 31, 1991 Order in this matter.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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