

Service Date: October 16, 1985

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Natural Gas )  
Explosion And Probable Violations ) DOCKET NO. 84.12.81  
Of The Belle Creek Gas Association.) ORDER NO. 5104a

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ORDER TO WITHDRAW NOTICE  
OF PROBABLE VIOLATION

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 20, 1984, the Commission issued a Notice of Probable Violation and or Proposed Compliance Order to the Belle Creek Gas Association (Association) listing the following probable violations:

- A. A one-inch uncoated steel service line was installed underground and under a building but not in compliance with Section 192.361 e. and f.
- B. A plastic pipe was joined to a steel pipe by sleeving the plastic pipe over the steel pipe and clamping with an adjustable girth clamp (radiator hose type clamp) not in compliance with Sections 192.281; 192.283 and 192.285.
- C. The operator has not complied with the Operating and Maintenance Plan on file with the Commission for the Procedure For Odorizing the Natural Gas Distribution System of Belle Creek Gas Association, Page 6, Items 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3 of the Operating and Maintenance Plan.
- D. The steel service lines (laterals) and risers are uncoated and have no cathodic protection from electrolysis-type corrosion occurrences. This is a probable violation to Section 192.455, External

Corrosion control; Buried or submerged pipelines installed after July 31, 1971.

2. The Association proposed to replace the entire distribution system in both trailer parks and add buried anodes to all remaining steel risers on the system.
3. The Commission Staff has been in communication with the Belle Creek Gas Association on a twice-a-month basis during the construction and repair program the Association has been undertaking in an effort to correct all probable violations.
4. A Staff inspection of the construction of a new gas distribution system in the trailer park was made on May 30-31, 1985.
5. On October 2, 1985 the Commission received a letter from the Association stating that all probable violations have been corrected and all construction is now complete.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction, granted by Section 63-13-101, MCA, over the matters in this Docket.
2. Pipeline Safety Regulations, Part 192, Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, are administered by the Commission.
3. All probable violations listed in the Findings of Fact in Order No. 5014 have been corrected.

#### ORDER

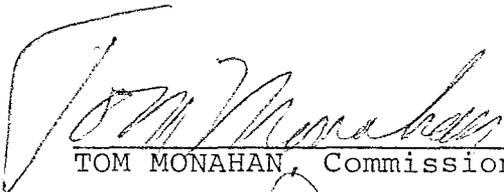
1. The Commission hereby orders that the Notice of Probable Violation to the Belle Creek Gas Association be withdrawn and the proposed Compliance Order is fulfilled.

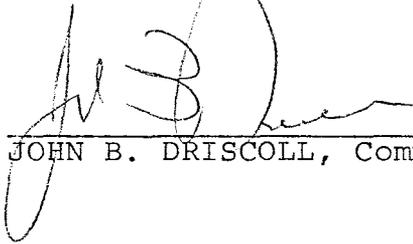
DONE IN OPEN SESSION THIS 15th day of October, 1985, by a vote of 3-0.

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

  
TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

  
JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Trena Scoffield  
Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.406, ARM.