

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 3, 2006

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

v.

CASE NO. URS-2006-00295

WILLIAMS GAS PIPELINES/TRANSCO,  
Defendant

ORDER OF SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to § 56-265.30 of the Code of Virginia, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") is charged with enforcing the provisions of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act, § 56-265.14 et seq. of the Code of Virginia. The Commission's Division of Utility and Railroad Safety ("Division"), after having conducted an investigation of this matter, alleges that:

(1) Williams Gas Pipelines/Transco ("Company") failed to mark the approximate horizontal locations of four steel gas transmission lines operated by the Company at or near 13618 Hensborough Drive, Fairfax County, Virginia in response to a notice of proposed excavation from Welded Construction, L.P. ("Excavator"), each in violation of § 56-265.19 A of the Code of Virginia; and

(2) On or about October 3, 2005, the Excavator damaged one of the four gas transmission lines identified in paragraph (1) above while excavating.

As evidenced in the attached Admission and Consent document, the Company neither admits nor denies these allegations but admits the Commission's jurisdiction and authority to enter this Order.

As an offer to settle all matters before the Commission arising from the Division's allegations made herein, the Company represents and undertakes that it will pay a civil penalty to the Commonwealth of Virginia in the amount of \$10,000 to be paid contemporaneously with the entry of this Order. This payment will be made by check payable to the Treasurer of Virginia and directed to the attention of the Director of the Division of Utility and Railroad Safety.

NOW THE COMMISSION, being advised by the Division and finding sufficient basis herein for the entry of this Order, hereby accepts this settlement.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Pursuant to the authority granted the Commission by § 12.1-15 of the Code of Virginia, the offer of settlement made by the Company is hereby accepted.

(2) The sum of \$10,000 tendered contemporaneously with the entry of this Order is accepted.

(3) This case is dismissed, and the papers filed herein shall be placed in the Commission's file for ended causes.

AN ATTESTED COPY hereof shall be sent by the Clerk of the Commission to: Joseph Robertson, PE, Manager of Pipeline Safety, Williams Gas Pipelines/Transco, 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108-1220; and the Commission's Office of General Counsel and Division of Utility and Railroad Safety.

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ADMISSION AND CONSENT

The Defendant, Williams Gas Pipelines/Transco, admits the jurisdiction of the Commission as to the party and subject matter hereof and, without admitting or denying the allegations made herein by the Division of Utility and Railroad Safety, hereby consents to the form, substance, and entry of the foregoing Order of Settlement. The Defendant acknowledges that the Order of Settlement entered herein is a public record and is subject to review by the public.

The Defendant further states that no offer, tender, threat, or promise of any kind has been made by the Commission or by any member, officer, agent, or representative thereof in consideration of this Admission and Consent.

Date: 10/11/06

Williams Gas Pipelines/Transco

By:

Joseph P. White  
Title: MANAGER - PIPELINE SAFETY