



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

March 28, 1974

D.P.U. 14899

Investigation by the Department on its own motion amending its order on fire valves.

After consideration, it is

ORDERED: Pursuant to the provisions of section 75A of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, after notice and hearing, the Department hereby adopts the following amended rules and regulations pertaining to the installation and replacement of exterior gas meters:

1. No device or automatic gas shut-off valve shall be attached to the intake pipe of a gas meter, as required by section 75A of Chapter 164 of the General Laws except it be one of the devices approved by this Department.
2. The installation of a device while on the Approved List shall constitute compliance by a gas company or municipality with Rule 1.
3. No gas company or municipality shall install a device which has been removed from the Approved List.
4. Such device shall be installed not further than twelve inches from the inlet side of the meter and the connection shall be by rigid pipe and fittings, except where the approval of a specific valve includes installation requirements but in no case more than thirty-six inches.
5. All gas meters installed on the outside of buildings shall have a positive manual shut off accessible on the inlet piping to the meter.
6. No device or automatic shut-off valve need be attached to any such exterior meter unless the inlet piping exceeds 4" in nominal diameter.
7. In the event that the inlet piping to an exterior meter exceeds 4" in nominal diameter, a fire valve or automatic shut-off device shall be installed on the outlet piping inside the building.

8. Specifications, standards and fees for approval of devices:

- A. Manufacturers desiring approval of devices must submit for test by the Department two such devices complete with the necessary fittings and a certified drawing showing the details of their device.
- B. Said plans and valves shall be accompanied by an inspection fee of \$10. payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- C. The actuating element of the fire shut-off device shall become operative at an ambient temperature not exceeding 250°F. under normal operating conditions.
- D. On closure of the actuating device, leakage shall not exceed 1% of the flow from the open end of a gas pipe fifty feet in length sized for the particular size meter. Such flow shall be based on a correction to 0.60 gravity gas and a 6" water column drop.
- E. Any change or modification in design, material or method of construction affecting the operation of the actuating device will automatically void the approval.

9. Any person, municipality or gas company may make written request to the Department for exception from or modification of any provisions of these rules.

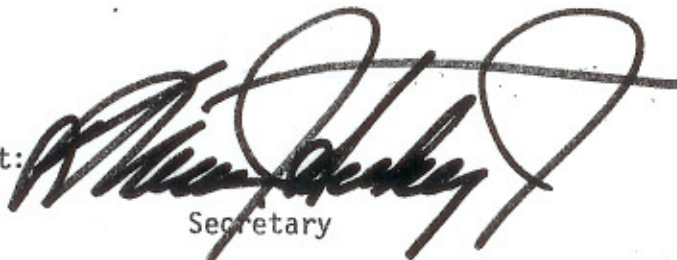
By order of the Department,

(signed FRANCIS J. HICKEY, Jr.

Secretary

A true copy

Attest:



Secretary

Appeal as to matters of law from any final decision, order or ruling of the commission may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court by an aggrieved party in interest by the filing of a written petition praying that the order of the commission be modified or set aside in whole or in part.

Such petition for appeal shall be filed with the secretary of the commission within twenty days after the date of service of the decision, order or ruling of the commission or within such further time as the commission may allow upon request filed prior to the expiration of the twenty days after the date of service of said decision, order or ruling. (Sec. 5, Chapter 25, G.L. Ter. Ed.) as most recently amended by Chapter 485 of the Acts of 1971.)