

MANITOBA) Order No. 102/94
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ACT) June 27, 1994

BEFORE: G. D. Forrest, Chairman
M. J. Anseeuw, Vice-Chairman
D. L. Barrett-Hrominchuk, Member
S. Lount, Member

**ORDER RESPECTING THE IMMEDIATE
REPORTING OF UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES
BY GAS UTILITY COMPANIES**

WHEREAS, Section 74 of The Public Utilities Board Act provides, in part, as follows:

"74(1) The board has a general supervision over all public utilities and the owners thereof subject to the legislative authority of the Legislature, and may make such orders regarding equipment, appliances, safety devices, extension of works or systems, reporting, and other matters, as are necessary for the safety or convenience of the public or for the proper carrying out of any contract, charter, or franchise involving the use of public property or rights."

AND WHEREAS The Public Utilities Board, acting pursuant to the aforesaid authority, considers it advisable to prescribe certain requirements respecting the immediate reporting of incidents involving natural gas;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Board's engineering consultants, namely I. D. Engineering Canada Inc., shall be advised by telephone forthwith immediately after the discovery of any incident involving natural or liquified petroleum gas transmission and distribution piping systems up to the outlet of the customer's meter set assembly that:
 - A. (i) caused a death or personal injury requiring hospitalization or the services of a medical doctor;
 - (ii) caused to any property damage estimated to be in excess of \$5,000.00;
 - (iii) resulted in a gas main damaged to an extent that curtailment of the supply of gas to one or more customers, including interruptible customers, was necessary;
 - (iv) resulted in a leak which, because of its location, required immediate repairs along with emergency action to protect the public such as evacuation of a building, blocking off an area, or re-routing of traffic;
 - (v) resulted in the unintended ignition or explosion of gas;

- (vi) resulted in a leak which, caused the gas to escape or blow and required immediate repairs to curtail the escaping gas in order to protect the public safety;

B. had significant safety implications even though it did not necessarily meet the criteria of items (i) to (vi) above, such as incidents involving carbon monoxide resulting in hospitalization, including under this subsection, facilities downstream of the meter, regardless of whether or not the incident is reported to the Mechanical and Engineering Division of the Department of Labour.

2. Notwithstanding the requirements contained herein, all written and/or verbal requirements and instructions of the Mechanical and Engineering Division of the Department of Labour respecting the reporting of incidents to that Department shall be strictly adhered to.
3. A written report must be filed for incidents described in Paragraph 1, clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and (v), within 15 working days of complying with the notification requirements in Paragraph 1, giving information of all available facts relevant to the cause and consequences of the occurrence. This report shall be submitted to the Board's engineering consultants. Where additional related information is obtained after a report is submitted a supplemental report shall be submitted with a clear reference to the original report.

4. Minor incidents which do not meet the criteria of Paragraph 1 shall be recorded as required by the Standard prescribed in the applicable regulations made under The Gas Pipe Line Act.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD



Secretary


Chairman