

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's)
Investigation into Cobra Pipeline Co., LTD) Case No. 14-1709-GA-COI
and Related Matters.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Cobra Pipeline Co., LTD (Cobra) is a public utility and an intrastate pipeline company as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and 4905.03 and is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4905.05 and 4905.06 provides that the Commission's jurisdiction, supervision, powers, and duties extend to every public utility in the state of Ohio.
- (3) On September 26, 2014, Staff filed a report of investigation concerning an incident involving an officer of Cobra tampering with and shutting off service to customers of Orwell Natural Gas Company (Orwell) at Orwell's regulator station located at 3511 Lost Nation Road, Willoughby, Ohio. According to Staff, shutting off gas supply to this service main without the knowledge of Orwell is a potentially dangerous situation, such that the gas pressure could drop to a level that could result in an explosive concentration of gas. Citing to R.C. Title 49, including R.C. 4905.26, 4905.90 through 4905.96, and 4933.20, Staff recommends a Commission-ordered investigation be initiated against Cobra for the purpose of investigating management practices of Cobra and acts, omissions, and failures of officers, agents, or other persons acting for or employed by Cobra. Further, Staff recommends an entry be issued directing Cobra and its officers, agents, and all other employees to cease and desist inferring or tampering with the utility equipment or services of other public utilities operating in the state of Ohio, including but not limited to equipment and services operated by Orwell and The East Ohio Natural Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio Gas (Dominion).
- (4) The attorney examiner finds that the incident reported by Staff on September 26, 2014, could have resulted in an incident that would have seriously jeopardized public safety. Therefore,

pending further review by the Commission, Cobra and its officers, agents, and all other employees must cease and desist inferring or tampering with the utility equipment or services of other public utilities operating in the state of Ohio, including but not limited to equipment and services operated by Orwell and Dominion.

- (5) R.C. 4905.56 provides that no officer, agent, or employee in an official capacity of a public utility shall willfully fail to comply with any lawful order or directive of the Commission with respect to any public utility. Each day's continuance of such failure is a separate offence.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, in accordance with finding (4), Cobra and its officers, agents, and all other employees are directed to immediately cease and desist inferring or tampering with the utility equipment or services of other public utilities operating in the state of Ohio. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon Cobra by facsimile and certified mail, and upon Orwell, Dominion, and all interested persons of record by regular mail.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/ Christine M.T. Pirik

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Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry directing Cobra to cease and desist; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Christine M.T. Pirik, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio