

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

December 20, 1996

Nashville, Tennessee

**IN RE:        PROPOSED RULES FOR OPERATOR QUALIFICATIONS (GAS  
PIPELINE SAFETY)**

**DOCKET NO. 96- 01679**

**ORDER OPENING A RULE-MAKING DOCKET**

On November 26, 1996, the Directors considered the request of the Gas Safety Division of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") that they open a docket for the consideration and possible adoption of rules governing the qualifications for personnel who perform operation, maintenance, and emergency functions on natural gas pipelines in the State of Tennessee (the "Proposed Rules"). The Directors agreed that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Tennessee to open a rule-making docket and to follow the provisions of T.C.A. § 4-5-201 *et seq.* in considering and/or adopting the Proposed Rules. Based upon the foregoing and their authority to adopt rules pertaining to gas pipeline safety pursuant to T.C.A. §§ 65-2-102 (2), 65-2-102(3), 65-28-105, 65-28-106, and 65-28-109, the Directors unanimously voted to open a docket on their own motion.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**


1. That a docket be opened by the Authority for the purpose of allowing the Authority to consider the Proposed Rules.
2. That the Chief of the Gas Pipeline Safety Division, or his designees or assignees, be, and hereby is, authorized to take any and all actions which are necessary and

appropriate to provide notice of the Proposed Rules and of any public hearings held in connection therewith to persons having an interest in the Proposed Rules.


3. That any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order.

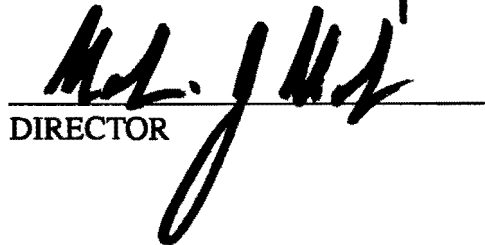
4. That any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter has the right of judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
DIRECTOR

ATTEST:

  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

  
DIRECTOR