

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE)
JURISDICTIONAL STATUS OF ROCKCASTLE) CASE NO. 97-380
RESOURCES)

O R D E R

On August 22, 1997, Commission Staff conducted a comprehensive inspection of the distribution facilities of Rockcastle Resources ("Rockcastle"). Rockcastle is classified as an intrastate gas pipeline company which makes it within the jurisdiction of the Commission, including inspection for safety under KRS 278.040, 278.495 and for enforcement of The Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968.

During the above-mentioned inspection, it was discovered that Rockcastle produces gas, transports it, and supplies two consumers in an industrial park. It therefore appears that Rockcastle is a gas distribution utility under the provision of KRS 278.010(3)(b) and within the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission as a utility.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Commission on its own motion opens this case to determine the jurisdictional status of Rockcastle.
2. Rockcastle, by and through its representative, James H. Baker, shall within 20 days of the date of this Order, file with the Commission the following:
 - a. Form of the company organization (i.e., proprietorship or corporation) with copies thereof, if any.
 - b. Customer list based upon most recent billing.

c. Well or wells currently connected to its system and production history (MCFs/month) of each well for calendar years 1995 and 1996.

d. Summary of each contract, if any, Rockcastle has with any wholesale purchaser of gas.

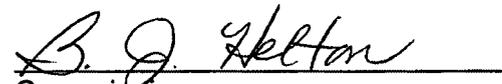
e. Rates charged customers and conditions for service.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of September, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director