

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE PROPOSED)	
ABANDONMENT BY AMERIGAS PARTNERS,))	
L.P. AND AMERIGAS PROPANE, L.P OF)	
UTILITY SERVICE BY BRIGHT'S PROPANE)	CASE NO. 2013-00332
SERVICE, INC. IN OLD BRIDGE)	
SUBDIVISION, BOYLE COUNTY,)	
KENTUCKY)	

ORDER

The Commission, on its own motion, initiates this investigation of the request by AmeriGas Partners, L.P. and AmeriGas Propane, L.P. (collectively "AmeriGas") to abandon utility service that is now provided by Heritage Operating, L.P. d/b/a Bright's Propane, Inc. ("Bright's Propane") to customers in the Old Bridge Subdivision, Boyle County, Kentucky. On June 21, 2013, AmeriGas filed an application for approval of the acquisition of Bright's Propane pursuant to KRS 278.020(5) and (6), and for approval to abandon that utility service.¹ By Order entered September 10, 2013 in that case, the Commission determined that the request to abandon service should be investigated in a separate case, initiated the instant proceeding to do so, and directed that the record of Case No. 2013-00241 be incorporated by reference into this investigation.

¹ Case No. 2013-00241, *Application of AmeriGas Partners, L.P. and AmeriGas Propane, L.P. for Approval of the Acquisition of the Utility Assets of Heritage Operating, L.P. d/b/a Bright's Propane Service, Inc. and for Authority to Abandon the Pipeline System and Serve Customers by Other Means*, filed June 21, 2013.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This case is initiated to investigate the request by AmeriGas to abandon utility service now provided by Bright's Propane to customers in the Old Bridge Subdivision, Boyle County, Kentucky.

2. The record of case No. 2013-00241 is incorporated by reference into this case.

3. AmeriGas shall file by September 20, 2013, an original and ten copies of the information requested in the Appendix to this Order. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed.

a. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

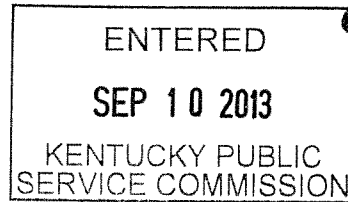
b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. AmeriGas shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

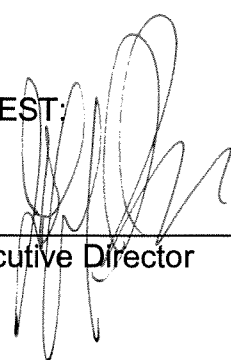
d. For any request to which AmeriGas fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, AmeriGas shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Executive Director

Case No. 2013-00332

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2013-00332 DATED SEP 10 2013

1. Provide a schedule showing the number of customers and their classification as either residential or commercial as of December 31 of each year from 2000 through 2012.

2. For the residential customers currently served, provide the number of those customers that use propane service for home heating.

3. For each commercial customer currently served, state the nature of its business and the volumes of gas purchased each month during 2012.

4. If a customer requests to terminate service for purposes of being served by an alternative supplier through the use of a propane tank on the customer's premise, explain the procedures used to physically disconnect the customer from the distribution system.

5. If a customer is physically disconnected for purposes of receiving service from an alternative supplier, explain the measures that would have to be taken to subsequently reconnect that customer to the distribution system.

6. Explain in detail the reasons why Bright's Propane has requested four extensions of time to file its 2012 Annual Report.

7. Has each customer of Bright's Propane been sent a written notice of intent to abandon utility service? If so, provide a copy of the notice and state when the notice was sent and the method used to send the notice.

8. If customers have been sent a notice to abandon utility service, state whether Bright's Propane has received any objections or protests from customers.

9. Did AmeriGas acquire Bright's Propane with the specific intent to abandon utility service to the customers served? If not, explain when AmeriGas made the decision to seek approval to abandon service.

10. Provide the number of properties that have service lines installed and could potentially be utility customers of Bright's Propane.

11. Describe the efforts taken by Bright's Propane in the last four years to acquire additional customers to its utility system.

12. Has Bright's Propane made a financial analysis to show the level of rates needed to operate the utility on a profitable basis? If so, provide a copy of the analysis.

13. Does AmeriGas have a detailed written plan outlining the procedures it will follow in the abandonment of the underground facilities and a description of how it will comply with applicable pipeline safety regulations as set forth in 49 CFR 192.727? If so, provide a copy of the plan and description. If not, provide a narrative of AmeriGas's proposed abandonment process and include the procedures to be followed, personnel roles and responsibilities, the schedule of when the abandonment will commence and when it will be completed, and steps taken to ensure the abandoned pipelines are safe.

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