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HAND DELIVERED

Hon. Jeff Derouen
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
P.O. Box 615
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Re: Case No. 2013-00163
Equitable Gas Company, LLC

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed for filing an original and eight copies of the Responses of Equitable Gas Company, LLC to the Commission Staff's Initial Requests for Information in the above-captioned case. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Watt, III

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Enclosures
cc: David W. Gray, Esq. (w/encl.)
Counsel of Record (w/encl.)

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In the Matter of:

THE JOINT APPLICATION OF PNG)
COMPANIES LLC, PEOPLES)
NATURAL GAS COMPANY LLC,)
EQT CORPORATION,)
DISTRIBUTION HOLDCO, LLC, AND)
EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY, LLC)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN)
ACQUISITION OF OWNERSHIP AND)
CONTROL OF A UTILITY)

CASE NO. 2013-00163

**RESPONSES OF EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY, LLC TO THE
COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the Responses of Equitable Gas Company, LLC to the Commission Staff's Initial Requests for Information have been served by mailing a copy thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons on this 19th day of July 2013:

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VERIFICATION OF FREDRICK K. DALENA

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA)	
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)	SS:

The undersigned, Fredrick K. Dalena, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is Executive Vice President of Commercial Business Development of EQT Corporation, that he supervised the preparation of the responses on behalf of Equitable Gas Company, LLC and the information contained therein is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief after a reasonable inquiry.



Fredrick K. Dalena

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said Allegheny County and State of Pennsylvania this 17th day of July 2013.

Michelle L. Barber (SEAL)
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 6/13/17

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
Notarial Seal
Michelle L. Barber, Notary Public
City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
My Commission Expires June 13, 2017
MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

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1. Identify the current gas supplier(s) of Equitable Gas.

Response:

EQT Energy, LLC.

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2. State whether Equitable Gas owns any gathering lines or producing wells in the state of Kentucky.

Response:

Equitable does not own any gathering lines or producing wells in Kentucky.

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3. State whether Equitable Gas owns any distribution lines in the state of Kentucky.

Response:

Equitable Gas does not own any distribution lines in the state of Kentucky.

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4. State whether the Equitable Gas system presently serves any customers it is not required to serve pursuant to KRS 278.485. Explain.

Response:

Equitable Gas Company, LLC does not presently serve any customers it is not required to serve pursuant to KRS 278.485.

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5. Explain whether Equitable Gas views itself as a utility as defined by KRS 278.010(3).

Response:

Equitable Gas does not view itself as a utility as defined by KRS 278.010(3) because it does not produce, manufacture, store, distribute, sell or furnish natural gas to or for the public. It only provides natural gas service to customers pursuant to KRS 278.485.

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6. Explain how Equitable Gas defines a farm tap system.

Response:

Equitable Gas defines a farm tap system consistent with KRS 278.485, to-wit: a system of gas producing wells, gas gathering lines or gas pipelines that provides gas service to property owners on whose land the wells are located or over whose land the gas gathering lines and gas pipelines are located and to property owners located with one-half (½) air mile of such facilities.

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7. Explain whether Equitable Gas views itself as a farm tap system.

Response:

Equitable Gas views itself as a farm tap system because all of the customers it serves in Kentucky are served pursuant to KRS 278.485 and are located within the proximity requirements of such statutory provision. At Sheet No. 2 of its tariff, Equitable Gas states that the point of delivery to its customers is "At connection along Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company's well connection and gathering system in Eastern Kentucky included in Equitable Gas Company's service area."

The character of service to Equitable Gas's customers is consistent with the character of service for farm tap systems as defined in KRS 278.485. It is defined as follows at Sheet No. 2 of Equitable Gas's tariff:

Gas delivered pursuant to this tariff is from pipelines owned and operated by Equitable Gas Company's supplier and all gas sold hereunder is made available by said supplier. Equitable shall have the right to abandon gas service to any customer served from any line which is no longer operated by its supplier for any reason whatsoever. All gas sold and delivered under this Tariff shall be delivered at the varying pressures of Equitable's supplier's pipeline, and it shall be the responsibility of the customer to supply, maintain, and operate the necessary regulator and related equipment for the customer's use.

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8. Explain whether Equitable Gas offers or provides gas distribution service to the public at large.

Response:

Equitable Gas does not offer or provide gas distribution service to the public at large.
See the response to Request No. 5 above.