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POLLITT ENTERPRISES, INC. WHITNEY CLARK POLLITT, INDIVIDUALLY AMANDA DEEANN POLLITT, INDIVIDUALLY BASIL C. POLLITT, INDIVIDUALLY D/B/A THE GAS GROUP, INC. A/K/A THE GAS GROUP.

### RESPONSE OF BASIL POLLITT TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Come Basil Pollitt, by counsel, and in response to the Commission Staff's First Request for Information state as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS: a) Basil Pollitt objects to the Request for Information in that he is not a distribution system. b) Pollitt objects on the basis that matters related to the pipeline at issue herein are currently before the Franklin Circuit Court resulting in the loss of jurisdiction. c) Pollitt objects to the term/name/label "Pollitt System" as there is no such entity. d) Pollitt objects to referencing/labeling the gas line at issue herein as a distribution line and/or public utility.

1. Provide copies of records for the natural gas distribution system that is the subject of this case (Pollitt System) that were prepared between January 1, 2012, and the current date and retained in compliance with the minimum safety standard adopted by the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to the federal pipeline safety laws, 49 USC Section 60101 et seq., and amendments thereto, including but not limited to operator qualification, leakage surveys, patrolling surveys and the operations and maintenance plan.

RESPONSE: OBJECTION. The request is overly broad such that a response is not possible.

49 USC 60101 et seq is 52 pages in length (8 point font).

2. State the total number of customers currently being served by the Pollitt System, how many are retail customer and how many are wholesale customers

OBJECTION: Per KRS 287.485 Gas Group provides natural gas service from its natural gas gathering line to 38 farm tap customers. Pollitt states that he has one end user associated with his gathering line (Southern Kentucky Energy).

3. Identify by name any wholesale customers of the Pollitt System.

RESPONSE: See Response to Request # 2, supra.

4. Confirm that the Dallas Runner well is the source of the natural gas being delivered to the Pollitt System's retail customers. If this cannot be confirmed, identify the source of the gas being delivered to customers of the Pollitt System.

RESPONSE: The Dallas Runner and Ray Keown wells are the source of the natural gas transported via the gas line at issue herein and made available to the farms taps and end user and has been the natural gas source for some 25 years.

5. State whether an alternative source for natural gas is being pursued, and if so, identify the entity from whom natural gas will be obtained.

**RESPONSE: OBJECTION.** No.

6. Identify the person or persons who perform the following functions and provide copies of their qualification to perform said functions for the Pollitt system:

a. Read meters;

RESPONSE: Pollitt has read the meters continuously for 25 years.

b. maintain the utility facilities;

RESPONSE: There are no utility facilities. Bill Bay performs all maintenance work for the

gathering line at issue herein.

c) conduct leakage surveys;

RESPONSE: Basil Pollitt and/or Bill Bay.

d) Conduct patrolling surveys;

RESPONSE: Basil Pollitt and/or Bill Bay.

7. Provide a schedule of rates and non recurring fees charged to customers of the Pollitt System;

RESPONSE: \$8 per mcf. There is a \$75 fee to restore gas service.

8. Provide a copy of a sample bill that is sent to Pollitt System customers.

RESPONSE: See attached.

9. State the billing cycle or cycles for Pollitt System customers.

RESPONSE: Gas Group uses a 30 day billing cycle.

10. Explain how billing payment is made, including how and where payment is submitted to the utility, the name of the person who processes the payment and how records of billing and payment are kept.

RESPONSE: The farm tap customer can pay by credit card or check. Gas Group denies that it is a utility. Basil Pollitt processes the payment and places a "check" on the bill once paid.

11. State under what name taxes are incurred and paid in regard to the Pollitt System.

RESPONSE: The Gas Group operates at a considerable loss.

12. Refer to the Joint Response filed by Respondent Pollitt Enterprises, Inc., Whitney Clark Pollitt, Amanda Deeann Pollitt, and Basil Pollitt on June 8, 2017 (Joint Response), page 5, which references a natural gas line permitted by the Department of Mines and Minerals (OP # 184556). Provide a copy of said permit. RESPONSE: A copy of the document responsive to this request is on file wit the Department of Mines and Minerals.

13. Refer to the Joint Response, see page 2, which references the emergency telephone contract number on Pollitt System pipeline markers. Identify whether this is a land line or cell phone, and to whom the number belongs. If the telephone number belongs to Basil Pollitt, explain who monitors the calls when he is ill or otherwise unable to respond to a call.

RESPONSE: The line belongs to Basil Pollitt and is a cell phone. The calls are monitored 24 hours per day by Basil Pollitt. If Basil Pollitt is ill his wife would respond to a call.

14. State whether the natural gas provided on the Pollitt System is odorized.

RESPONSE: Yes.,

15. State whether any of the Respondents in this action own or operate other natural gas distributions systems in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

RESPONSE: Basil Pollitt neither owns nor operates a gas distribution system in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

(S) Kirk Hoskins

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that a copy of this document was sent via Fed Ex to the Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, 211 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40602-0615 this 2 & day of July, 2017.

(S) Kirk Hoskins

Gas Group, by Basil Pollitt

Commonwealth of Kentucky

County of Jefferson

Acknowledged, subscribed and sworn to before me by Basil Pollitt this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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