

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE REQUEST OF THE BELFRY GAS)
COMPANY, INC., FOR AN EXEMPTION) CASE NO. 7602
FROM 807 KAR 50:015 (DEVELOPMENT)
OF A BUDGET PLAN))

O R D E R

On September 10, 1979, the Commission notified Belfry Gas Company, Inc., (Belfry) that it must comply with Commission Regulation 807 KAR 50:015(11) by implementing a budget billing plan before the end of calendar year 1979. Thereafter, by letter dated October 8, 1979, the Company requested an extension of time until May, 1980, to implement its budget billing plan. The Commission decided to treat this letter as an application to deviate from the provisions of 807 KAR 50:015(11).

The Commission, after consideration of the application and all evidence of record, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

(1) The Applicant serves approximately 780 customers who would be eligible for any budget plan instituted by Applicant.

(2) Manual accounting for the possible volume of customers to apply for budget billing would be an undue burden upon the Applicant.

(3) The Applicant's current computer billing system is not designed to handle a budget plan type billing.

(4) An extension of time until May 1, 1980, should allow Belfry time to buy or develop and implement the necessary programs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Applicant is granted an extension of time until May 1, 1980, to implement its budget billing plan required by 807 KAR 50:015(11).

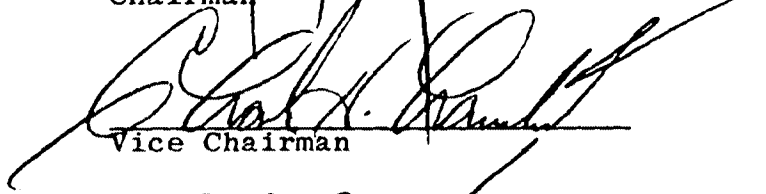
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the Applicant file with this Commission, no later than March 1, 1980, its plan for budget billing in compliance with 807 KAR 50:015(11).

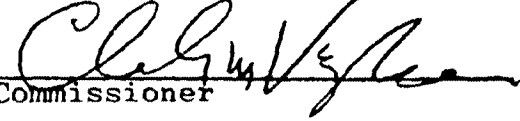
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Company receives no notice from the Commission that said plan is disapproved, the Company shall make known to its customers the availability of its plan and place said plan in full operation no later than May 1, 1980.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the 6th day of February, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Acting Secretary