

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES        )  
OF EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY    )        CASE NO. 6602-N

ORDER

On December 8, 1976, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 6602, approving certain rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased, decreased or refunds are received.

On January 26, 1981, Equitable Gas Company ("Equitable") notified the Commission that they had received a refund from one of their suppliers, Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company ("Ky.-West") and that the refund in the amount of \$29,144.76 is due Equitable's Kentucky retail customers.

Equitable, for the purpose of making this refund, has proposed to credit all bills over a future twelve-month period. Based on anticipated sales for 1981, such refund factor would be 3.74¢ per Mcf.

After reviewing this evidence of record and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) Equitable has on hand \$29,144.76 in refunds received from Ky.-West.

(2) Equitable has proposed to refund the money over a twelve-month period but, the Commission is of the opinion that two months would be more appropriate.

(3) Equitable shall refund \$29,144.76 to its customers over a two-month period, pursuant to KRS 278.190 (4), by applying a refund factor to the billing and adjusting such refund factor during the last month to assure proper refunds to their customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Equitable shall refund \$29,144.76 to its customers over a two-month period, by applying a refund factor to the billing and adjusting such refund during the last month to an amount which will, as nearly as possible, refund the total amount to their customers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Equitable shall notify the Commission upon completion of the refund authorized herein, and the amount of the refund to all customers served.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the information furnished this Commission by Equitable on January 26, 1981, constitutes full compliance with the Commission's requirements and orders in Case No. 6602, and any other information ordinarily required to be filed under the Commission's regulations is hereby waived.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of May, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Charles M. Vth  
Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary