

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF MARTIN) CASE NO. 7156-AA
GAS, INC.)

O R D E R

On December 20, 1978, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 7156 approving certain adjustments in rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased or decreased.

On April 26, 1983, Martin Gas, Inc., ("Martin") notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas would be decreased by its supplier, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with its purchased gas adjustment clause on file with this Commission.

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

(1) Martin's notice of April 26, 1983, set out certain revisions in rates which Martin proposed to place into effect, said rates being designed to pass on two wholesale decreases in price from its supplier in the combined amount of \$13,981 or 25.6 cents per Mcf.

(2) Martin's wholesale cost of gas was decreased by Columbia effective March 1, 1983, in the amount of .7 cents per

Mcf. Martin did not file an application for permission to track this decrease which resulted in an overcollection from its customers. Martin should report to the Commission the amount overcollected from its customers during the period from March 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund the same amount to its customers.

(3) Columbia notified Martin of an additional wholesale decrease to be effective April 1, 1983, in the amount of 24.9 cents per Mcf. Due to the retroactive nature of this decrease, Martin should report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from April 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections to its customers.

(4) Martin's adjustment in rates under the purchased gas adjustment provisions approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 7156 dated December 20, 1978, is fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be effective with gas supplied on and after April 1, 1983.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates in the Appendix to this Order be and they hereby are authorized effective with gas supplied on and after April 1, 1983.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the purpose of the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Martin the base rate for purchased gas shall be:

	<u>Commodity</u>
Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.	\$5.760 per Mcf
Southeastern Gas Company	0.140 per Mcf

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 60 days of the date of this Order Martin shall report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the periods from March 1, 1983, and from April 1, 1983, to the date the proposed rates are implemented, along with a plan to refund any excess collections.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Martin shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 6th day of May, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 7156-AA DATED MAY 6, 1983

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Martin Gas, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

First 2 Mcf	\$5.8992 Per Mcf
Over 2 Mcf	6.6992 Per Mcf

Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be \$5.50 which entitles the user to less than 2 Mcf per month.