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. 8730-K

GAS, INC.

ORDER

On May 9, 1983, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 8730 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 or a refund is received.

On January 25, 1985, the court-appointed receiver of Martin Gas, Inc., ("Martin") notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas had been decreased by its supplier, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") effective November 1, 1984, and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with its purchased gas adjustment clause on file with this Commission. Martin requested permission to begin billing its reduced rates in the January, 1985, billing with no proration.

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

(1) Martin's notice of January 25, 1985, set out certain revisions in rates which Martin proposed to place into effect, said rates being designed to pass on the wholesale decrease in price from its supplier in the amount of \$316 or .57 cents per Mcf.

- (2) Martin's wholesale cost of gas was decreased by Columbia effective November 1, 1984. The proposed rates should be effective November 1, 1984, to coincide with this decrease.
- (3) In the absence of compelling reason or justification to implement reduced rates without proration, Martin should adhere to the Commission's standard practice and report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from November 1, 1984, 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. 8730 dated May 9, 1983, is fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be effective with gas supplied on and after November 1, 1984.

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 November 1, 1984.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order Martin shall report to the Commission any excess revenues collected during the period from November 1, 1984, 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 12th day of February, 1985. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8730-K DATED 2/12/85

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers 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 1 Mcf \$6.2393 Per Mcf

Over 1 Mcf \$6.1393 Per Mcf

Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be \$7.00

The base rate for the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Martin Gas, Inc., shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. \$4.951 per Mcf

Southeastern Gas Company \$0.140 per Mcf