

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE MOTION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR AN ORDER)
REQUIRING THE COMMISSION TO) CASE NO. 9224
EXTEND THE SURCHARGE ADDED TO)
THE RATES AND CHARGES OF)
ELZIE NEELEY GAS COMPANY)

O R D E R

On February 14, 1985, the Commission issued an Order in this Case granting an extension of the surcharge of Elzie Neeley Gas Company ("Elzie Neeley") as requested by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia"). By letter dated April 22, 1985, Elzie Neeley informed the Commission that it had not placed the surcharge into effect as required and sought permission to employ an alternate payment plan that would not require a surcharge.

On May 10, 1985, the Commission received written comments from Columbia expressing its willingness to accept Elzie Neeley's proposal with some restrictions. Columbia was amenable to Elzie Neeley's proposal if the total arrearage could be eliminated by September 30, 1985; otherwise Columbia wanted the surcharge reinstated.

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

(1) The terms of the Commission's February 14, 1985, Order should be suspended to the extent that the surcharge should be stayed until September 30, 1985.

(2) Elzie Neeley should continue its alternate payment plan to discharge its obligation to Columbia.

(3) A review of Elzie Neeley's payment plan is in order and a hearing should be conducted to investigate the payment status. The Commission may authorize continued payments, reinstitute the previously authorized surcharge or consider an alternate surcharge. Such matters will be examined at a hearing in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Elzie Neeley's previously authorized surcharge shall be removed from customers' bills until September 30, 1985.

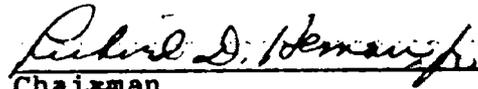
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Elzie Neeley shall endeavor to make full restitution with Columbia.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing will be convened at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on September 5, 1985, at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, to review Elzie Neeley's payment efforts.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before September 3, 1985, Elzie Neeley shall file with this Commission copies of invoices from and payments to Columbia for the period from January 1, 1985, to August 31, 1985, and a statement showing the outstanding balance.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 7th day of June, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary