

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC GAS COMPANY, INC.,)
OF A GENERAL RATE ADJUSTMENT) CASE NO. 9565
EFFECTIVE MAY 12, 1986)

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Public Gas Company, Inc., ("Public") shall file an original and eight copies of the following information with this Commission, with a copy to all parties of record. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to insure that it is legible. The information requested herein is due no later than February 4, 1987. If the information cannot be provided by this date, you should submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and include a date by which it will be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission.

Secretary's Salary

1. With reference to response #1 of the submission of information upon rehearing, provide the following information:
 - a. Indicate what the secretary's actual monthly hours of work were during the test year and what those hours are currently.

b. In the listing of duties for the secretary, items (a) to (f) all appear to be regular secretarial functions. Would Public agree with this interpretation? Explain in detail why this interpretation would not be valid.

c. These statements are made in response #1: "The secretarial functions of this person are minimal." "It is assumed that one-half of her time would be assignable to the former category (receptionist and man telephones)." The two statements appear to be contradictory. Explain which statement indicates the true situation of Public.

2. With reference to response #3 of the submission of information upon rehearing, provide the following information:

a. Describe in detail the understanding between Public and the outside consulting firm as to terms of the contract, established rates of reimbursement and other understood conditions.

b. Identify the outside consulting firm and indicate how long it has been providing service to Public. Indicate if any personnel of Public are associated with this firm.

3. With reference to response #4 of the submission of information upon rehearing, provide the following information:

a. Indicate what the general manager's actual monthly hours of work were during the test year and what those hours are currently.

b. Explain why the sum of hours for duties (a) to (f) total 186 instead of 195 hours.

4. Provide any evidence that the level of wages proposed by Public for a secretarial position are reasonable in comparison to similar utility operations or other related businesses. The evidence should be for the time frame of the test year or subsequent periods and should reflect actual wage levels instead of calculations assuming inflation impact.

Rent Expense

5. Provide the following information, which was originally requested in the submission of information upon rehearing:

- a. The total square footage rented by Public.
- b. Detailed descriptions of how the square footage rented is used, such as square footage for office, square footage for storage, etc.

6. Identify Public's landlord as of the end of the test year and who the landlord is currently. Also, indicate what other businesses shared the building with Public for both of the referenced dates.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of January, 1987.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director