

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF THE RATES OF
JOHNSON COUNTY GAS COMPANY, INC.

) CASE NO.
) 10415

O R D E R

On November 9, 1988, the Commission issued its Order directing Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. ("Johnson County") to file its response to the Staff Report within 30 days of the date of the Order. On December 9, 1988, the date the response was due, the Kentucky Municipal Gas Utility Investment Trust ("Trust") filed a Motion for Enlargement of Time to Respond on behalf of Johnson County and requested an additional 60 days within which to respond. The motion was granted and Johnson County was given until February 9, 1989 to file its response. On February 9, 1989, Johnson County, by counsel, filed a one paragraph response stating the recommendations contained in the Staff Report were not acceptable and requesting an informal conference be held "to determine the feasibility of a negotiated settlement" before hearings on the matter. Johnson County further requested that in the event the motion for an informal conference was denied that a public hearing on the matter be scheduled.

After a review of the record and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

1. Johnson County's response dated February 9, 1989 is unresponsive and inadequate because it fails to adequately inform the Commission of Johnson County's specific objections to the Staff Report or to provide support for its objections.

2. Johnson County's request for an informal conference is premature since Johnson County's objections are unknown and, therefore, the issues have yet to be sufficiently defined for an informal conference to be useful.

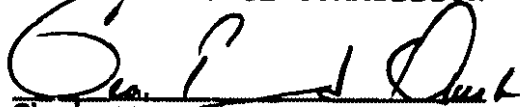
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

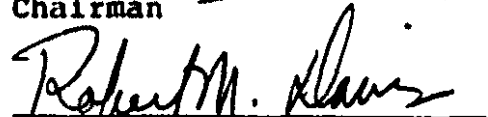
1. Johnson County shall have 5 days from the date of this Order within which to file its specific objections to the Staff Report. The filing should be sufficiently detailed to fully advise the Commission of Johnson County's position regarding each of the recommended adjustments of Staff.

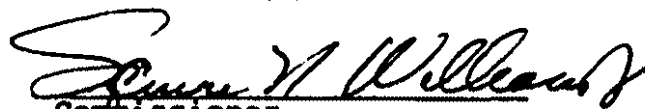
2. The hearing requested by Johnson County be and it hereby is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, on March 29, 1989 in the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of March, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director