

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED	)	
GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING OF	)	CASE NO. 10398-O
MOUNTAIN UTILITIES, INC.	)	

O R D E R

On January 18, 1991, Mountain Utilities, Inc. ("Mountain") filed an application pursuant to its purchased gas adjustment clause to pass through to its customers a surcharge from its supplier, Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company ("Kentucky West"). The surcharge was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") as part of a settlement in Docket Nos. TQ89-1-46-000, et. al. between Kentucky West and this Commission. Mountain received notice on January 14, 1991 that the surcharge in the amount of 61.4 cents per Dth was approved to be effective January 1, 1991.

After reviewing the record and all information pertaining to this case, the Commission finds that:

1. Mountain's notice of January 18, 1991 proposed to implement a surcharge in the amount of 81.92 cents per Mcf to pass along to its customers the billings from Kentucky West for 1991. The surcharge in this amount would remain in effect until recalculated by Kentucky West, with billings from Kentucky West pursuant to the settlement to be received and paid by Mountain for a period of no less than 10 years.

2. Mountain requested an effective date of January 1, 1991 to implement its surcharge. KRS 278.180 provides that a utility must give 30 days notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of any increase in rates. Inasmuch as the September 12, 1990 settlement was negotiated by the Commission in the interest of the Kentucky utilities served by Kentucky West, the Commission had actual notice of the terms and conditions contained in the agreement on September 12, 1990. The effective date of Mountain's surcharge should, therefore, be the effective date from Kentucky West, January 1, 1991.

3. Mountain's adjustment in rates under the purchased gas adjustment provisions approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 10398 dated March 21, 1989 is fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be effective with bills rendered on and after the date of this Order.

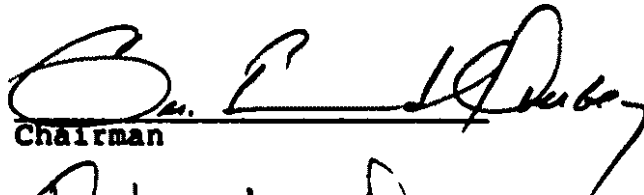
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The surcharge in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, is fair, just, and reasonable, and is approved effective with bills rendered on and after the date of this Order.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Mountain shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the surcharge authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 1st day of February, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 10398-O DATED 2/01/91

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Mountain Utilities, 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	\$8.7997 per Mcf
All Over	1 Mcf	8.0397 per Mcf

Minimum Bill: \$8.80  
(When less than 1 Mcf is used)

A surcharge of \$.8192 per Mcf will be added to the above rates until the obligation owed to Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company has been discharged, or is recalculated.