COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| NOTICE | OF | GAS COST | Γ ADJUSTMENT |) | | |
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| FILING | OF | WESTERN | LEWIS- |) | CASE NO. | 92-331-0 |
| RECTORY | /ILI | LE WATER | AND GAS DISTRICT | } | | |

ORDER

On May 12, 1993, in Case No. 92-331, the Commission approved adjustments to the rates of Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District ("Western Lewis") to recover its purchased gas cost on a quarterly basis in accordance with the provisions of its gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause.

On September 1, 1995, Western Lewis filed its GCA to be effective from October 1, 1995 to January 1, 1996.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

- 1. Western Lewis's notice proposed revised rates to pass on its expected wholesale increase in gas costs to its customers. Western Lewis's expected gas cost ("EGC") is \$4.1667 per Mcf. Western Lewis had proposed an EGC of \$4.2123 per Mcf but had failed to adjust allowable purchases for line loss in excess of 5 percent.
 - 2. Western Lewis's notice set out no refund adjustment.
- 3. Western Lewis's current actual adjustment ("AA") should be 3.02 cents per Mcf to collect under-recoveries of April, May, and June 1995 gas cost to its customers. The total AA of 32.44 cents per Mcf reflects the current under-recovery, as well as

previous quarters' under- and over-recovery. Western Lawis neglected to correctly include the previous quarter AA of (.24) cent in its calculation. The Commission made a further adjustment to exclude sales volumes in excess of 105 percent of purchase volumes from the calculation of unit cost of gas.

- 4. Western Lewis's notice set out no balance adjustment ("BA"). This adjustment will be unavailable to Western Lewis until its filing for rates to be effective January 1, 1996.
- 5. These combined adjustments produce a corrected gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") of \$4.4911 per Mcf, 42.98 cents per Mcf more than its prior rate.
- 6. The revised rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved for service rendered on and after October 1, 1995.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Western Lewis's proposed rates be and they hereby are denied.
- 2. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and are effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 1995.
- 3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Western Lewis shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of September, 1995.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 92-331-J DATED September 29, 1995.

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District. 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.

RETAIL RATES:

| Customer | Charge | \$1,00 per | month |
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| CHOLOMAT | CHAIGO | OTION DOT | III |

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| | Baso Rato | Racovery Rate | Total |
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| First 1,000 cu. ft. or less (Minimum Bill) | \$3.9883 | \$4.4911 | \$8.4794 |
| Next 4,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft. | 1.4565 | 4.4911 | 5.9476 |
| Next 5,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft. | 1.3970 | 4.4911 | 5.8881 |
| Over 10,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft. | 1.2228 | 4.4911 | 5.7139 |