

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF GAS COST ADJUSTMENT            )  
FILING OF WESTERN LEWIS-                 ) CASE NO. 92-331-O  
RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT    )

O R D E R

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 December 2, 1996, Western Lewis filed its GCA to be effective from January 1, 1997 to April 1, 1997.

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 decrease in gas costs to its customers. Western Lewis's proposed expected gas cost ("EGC") is \$2.7779 per Mcf. This EGC was calculated based on the cost of gas purchased in October. Due to the sharp increases in the cost of gas since Western Lewis's filing of this notice, it is more reasonable to estimate its gas cost for the quarter beginning January 1, 1997 using Nymex futures prices and storage costs. Western Lewis's EGC should be \$3.8613 per Mcf.

2. Western Lewis's notice set out no refund adjustment.

3. Western Lewis's proposed current actual adjustment ("AA") is 2.83 cents per Mcf. Correcting Western Lewis' s filing to properly reflect a net over-recovery of July gas cost along with net under-recoveries of August and September 1996 gas cost from its customers results in a current AA of 2.73 cents per Mcf. The total AA of (4.55) cents per Mcf reflects the current net under-recovery, as well as previous quarters' under- and over-recoveries.

4. Western Lewis's notice set out a current balance adjustment ("BA") of .67 cent per Mcf to reconcile a previous quarter AA. The current BA should be (.67) cent per Mcf, and the previous quarter BA should be .05 cent per Mcf instead of (.05) cent per Mcf. The total BA is 1.91 cents per Mcf.

5. These combined adjustments produce a corrected gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") of \$3.8349 per Mcf, 30.19 cents per Mcf less 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 January 1, 1997.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

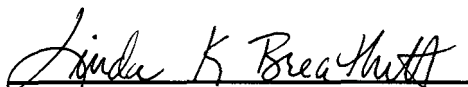
1. Western Lewis's proposed rates be and they hereby are denied.

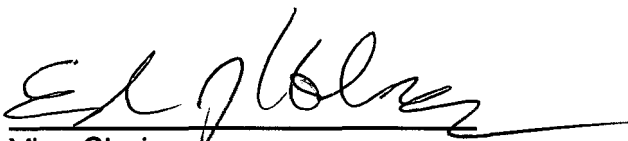
2. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and are effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 1997.

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 20th day of December, 1996.

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-O DATED DECEMBER 20, 1996

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		
<u>Monthly Usage</u>			
	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
First 1,000 cu. ft. or less (Minimum Bill)	\$3.9883	\$3.8349	\$7.8232
Next 4,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft.	1.4565	3.8349	5.2914
Next 5,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft.	1.3970	3.8349	5.2319
Over 10,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft.	1.2228	3.8349	5.0577