

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS            )  
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF EQUITABLE        )  
GAS COMPANY                                )        CASE NO. 92-326-Q

O R D E R

On April 12, 1993, in Case No. 92-326, the Commission approved certain adjusted rates for Equitable Gas Company, a division of Equitable Resources, Inc. ("Equitable"), and provided for their further adjustment on a quarterly basis in accordance with its gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause.

On April 9, 1997, Equitable filed its GCA to be effective May 1, 1997 through July 31, 1997.

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

1. Equitable's notice of April 9, 1997 proposed revised rates designed to pass on expected decreased wholesale gas costs to its customers. Equitable's proposed expected gas cost ("EGC") is \$4.1919 per Mcf, which includes a surcharge component of 80.54 cents per Mcf relating to the settlement of Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company Docket No. TQ 89-1-46-000, et al. before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

2. Equitable's notice of April 9, 1997 set out a current quarter actual adjustment ("AA") of 80.31 cents per Mcf to collect under-recovered gas cost from November and December 1996 and January 1997. Equitable's total AA of 55.62 cents per Mcf reflects the current under-recovery as well as over- and under-recoveries from previous quarters.

3. Equitable's notice set out a current quarter balancing adjustment ("BA") of .29 cent per Mcf. Equitable's total BA is 6.79 cents per Mcf.

4. These adjustments produce a revised gas cost recovery ("GCR") rate of \$4.8160 per Mcf, \$1.3339 per Mcf less than its prior GCR rate.

5. The rate adjustment in the Appendix to this Order is fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be effective for final meter readings on and after May 1, 1997.

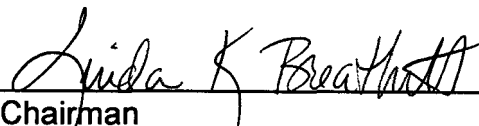
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

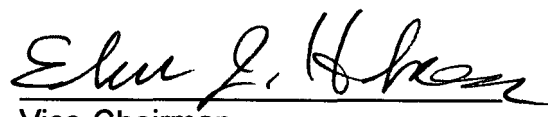
1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and are effective for final meter readings on and after May 1, 1997.

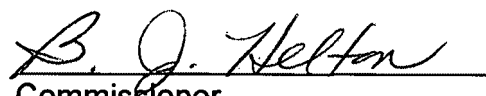
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Equitable shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of April, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 92-326-Q DATED APRIL 30, 1997

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Equitable Gas Company. 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 date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

Customer Charge				\$4.45
		<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
First	2 Mcf	\$1.0399	\$4.8160	\$5.8559 per Mcf
Next	18 Mcf	.8178	4.8160	5.6338 per Mcf
Next	30 Mcf	.7179	4.8160	5.5339 per Mcf
Next	50 Mcf	.6290	4.8160	5.4450 per Mcf
All Over	100 Mcf	.5513	4.8160	5.3673 per Mcf

The minimum bill shall be \$4.45.

The above rates include recovery of a Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company surcharge of 61.4 cents per Dth pursuant to the settlement of Docket No. TQ 89-1-46, et. al. before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.