

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF JOHNSON)	
COUNTY GAS COMPANY, INC TO)	CASE NO.
OFFER SPECIAL CHARGES AND)	97-527
RULES)	

O R D E R

On November 21, 1997, Johnson County Gas Company ("Johnson County") filed a proposed tariff which offered special charges and rules. Johnson County proposed that the tariff become effective on and after January 20, 1998.

The Commission finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further investigation is needed to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

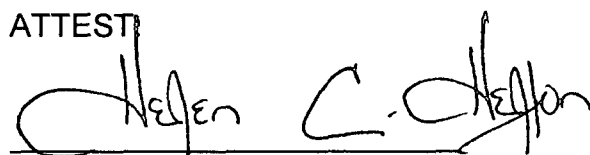
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The proposed tariff filing of Johnson County is suspended for five months from January 20, 1998 up to and including June 19, 1998.
2. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of January, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:



Executive Director



For the Commission

Johnson County Gas Company

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Harold, KY 41635
Office (606) 789-5481
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November 20, 1997

Ms. Helen Helton
Executive Director
Public Service Commission
730 Schenkel Lane
P. O. Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602

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Dear Ms. Helton:

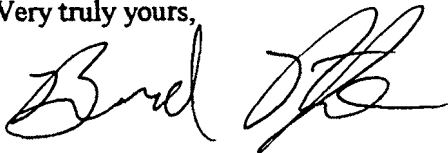
It has come to our attention that Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. has no existing tariff. I have enclosed a proposed tariff for commission review and approval. I have also enclosed proposed special charge cost schedule which Johnson County Gas Company would like to adopt.

Please advise me of commission requirements to get the proposed tariff and special charges approved.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at the above listed number.

Thank you very much for your attention and consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Bud Rife
President
Johnson County Gas Company

Enclosures: Proposed Tariff
Proposed Special Charge Cost Schedule

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Move meter per customer request.

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

2 dresser couplings (style 90) \$ 28.00

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 hour labor (2 men) 30.00

Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$ _____

B. Labor 5.00

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ 15.00

B. Other (Itemize)

1 hour backhoe 40.00

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 118.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Meter tap fee

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

Saddle and regulator \$ 55.00

Valve and meter 135.00

Pipe and fittings 23.00

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

4 hour labor 120.00

Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$ _____

B. Labor 5.00

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ 15.00

B. Other (Itemize)

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 353.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Reconnect meter disconnected for non-payment.

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ _____

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 hour labor (2 men)	<u>30.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies	\$ <u>1.00</u>
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B. Labor	<u>10.00</u>
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Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation	\$ <u>10.00</u>
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B. Other (Itemize)

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 51.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Disconnect meter for non-payment

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

Lock \$ 15.00

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 hour labor (2 men) 30.00

Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$ 1.00

B. Labor 10.00

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ _____

B. Other (Itemize)

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 66.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Reread meter per customer request.

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ <u> </u>
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B. Labor (Time and Wage)

15 minutes labor	<u>10.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies

\$

B. Labor

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation

\$ 10.00

B. Other (Itemize)

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Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense

Total Expense

20.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Change meter per customer request

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ _____

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 hour labor (2 men)	<u>30.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense	_____
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2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies	\$ _____
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B. Labor	<u>5.00</u>
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Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense	_____
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3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation	\$ <u>10.00</u>
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B. Other (Itemize)

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense	_____
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Total Expense	<u>45.00</u>
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SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Cover returned checks

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ _____

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

<u>½ Hour Labor</u>	<u>10.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$ _____

B. Labor 10.00

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ 10.00

B. Other (Itemize)

<u>Bank Fee</u>	<u>5.00</u>
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Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 35.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Read out meter

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ <u> </u>
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B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 Hour Labor	<u>20.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$

B. Labor

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ 15.00

B. Other (Itemize)

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Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense

Total Expense 25.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Turn on meter when renter moves in

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ _____

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 Hour Labor	<u>20.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$ _____

B. Labor 10.00

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ 15.00

B. Other (Itemize)

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 45.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Turn off meter per customer request

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ _____

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 Hour Labor	<u>20.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense	_____
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2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies	\$ _____
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B. Labor	_____
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Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense	_____
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3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation	\$ <u>15.00</u>
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B. Other (Itemize)	_____
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Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense	_____
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Total Expense	<u>35.00</u>
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SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Checking for leak at meter per customer request.

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

Soap \$.25

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

½ Hour Labor 15.00

Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$ _____

B. Labor _____

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ 10.00

B. Other (Itemize)

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 25.25

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Locating line per customer request

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ _____

B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 Hour Labor	<u>20.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense _____

2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies \$ _____

B. Labor _____

Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense _____

3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation \$ 10.00

B. Other (Itemize)

Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense _____

Total Expense 30.00

SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Painting meter per customer request

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

<u>Paint and Brush</u>	\$ <u>4.50</u>
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B. Labor (Time and Wage)

<u>½ Hour Labor</u>	<u>10.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense	<u> </u>
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2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies	\$ <u>.10</u>
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B. Labor	<u>2.50</u>
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Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense	<u> </u>
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3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation	\$ <u>10.00</u>
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B. Other (Itemize)

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Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense	<u> </u>
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Total Expense	<u>27.10</u>
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SPECIAL CHARGES COST SCHEDULE

Type Special Charge: Checking gas pressure to make sure it is 4 to 6 ounces.

1. Field Expense

A. Materials (Itemize)

	\$ <u> </u>
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B. Labor (Time and Wage)

1 Hour Labor (2 men)	<u>30.00</u>
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Subtotal Field Expense	<u> </u>
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2. Clerical and Office Expense

A. Supplies	\$ <u>.10</u>
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B. Labor	<u>2.50</u>
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Subtotal Clerical and Office Expense	<u> </u>
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3. Miscellaneous Expense

A. Transportation	\$ <u>10.00</u>
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B. Other (Itemize)	<u> </u>
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Subtotal Miscellaneous Expense	<u> </u>
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Total Expense	<u>42.60</u>
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P. S. C. Ky. No. 1

Cancels P. S. C. Ky. No. _____

Johnson County Gas Company

**OF
Paintsville, Kentucky**

Rates, Rules And Regulations For Furnishing

Gas Service

AT

Van Lear, Hager Hill, East Point, and Meally

Filed With Public Service Commission Of

Kentucky

Issued November 20, 1997

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(Name of Utility)**

By Bud Rife

President

For Van Lear, Hager Hill, East
Point, Meally

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Johnson County Gas Company

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Special Charges

1. Move meter per customer request.
 2. Meter tap fee.
 3. Reconnect meter disconnected for non-payment.
 4. Disconnect meter for non-payment.
 5. Reread meter per customer request.
 6. Change meter per customer request.
 7. Cover returned checks.
 8. Read out meter.
 9. Turn on meter when renter moves in.
 10. Turn off meter per customer request.
 11. Checking for leak at meter per customer request.
 12. Locating line per customer request.
 13. Painting meter per customer request.
 14. Checking gas pressure to make sure it is 4 to 6 ounces.
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Johnson County Gas Company

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Special Charges

15. A 10 percent penalty shall be applied on all unpaid balances after the 20th of the month. A penalty will not be assessed on penalties already included in the balance due.
16. All customers will be required to pay a deposit prior to the installation of gas service unless other arrangements are made in advance. The deposit will be 2/12 of the customers estimated annual bill.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

The company shall supply gas continuously and without interruption and adopts and shall maintain, subject to the commission regulations, a standard pressure of 4 to 6 oz. as measured at the outlet side of the customer meters.

The above paragraph notwithstanding, Johnson County Gas shall assume no liability for any damage or loss resulting from inadequate or interrupted supply or from any pressure variation when such conditions are not due to willful fault or neglect on its part.

Customers Discontinuance Of Service

Any customer desiring service discontinued or changed from one address to another shall give the utility three (3) working days notice in person or in writing, provided such notice does not violate contractual obligations.

Upon request that service be reconnected at any premises subsequent to the initial installation or connection to its service lines, the utility may, subject to subsection (3) of this section, charge the applicant an amount not to exceed the actual average cost as approved by this commission of making such reconnection.

Applications For Service

All customers will be required to fill out an application for service prior to installation of service. This application will consist of name of applicant and spouse, address, social security number of applicant and spouse in case of emergency, applicant signature, and date of application. Applicants who give fraudulent information shall be disconnected.

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Johnson County Gas Company

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Discontinuance Of Service

Johnson County Gas Company Inc. will refuse or discontinue to serve an applicant or customer under the following conditions:

For noncompliance with the utility's or commission's rules and regulations. However, the utility shall not discontinue or refuse service to any customer or applicant for violation of its rules or regulations without first having made a reasonable effort to induce the customer or applicant to comply with its rules and regulations as filed with the commission. After such effort on the part of the utility, service may be discontinued or refused only after the customer shall have been given at least ten (10) days written notice of such intention, delivered to an adult member or his or her household or mailed to his or her last known address.

When a dangerous condition is found to exist on the customer's or applicant's premises, the service shall be cut off without notice or refused, provided that the utility notify the customer or applicant immediately of the reasons for the discontinuance or refusal and the corrective action to be taken by the applicant or customer before service can be restored.

When a customer or applicant refuses or neglects to provide reasonable access to the premises for the purpose of installation, operation, meter reading, maintenance or removal of utility property, the utility may discontinue or refuse service only after the customer or applicant shall have been given at least fifteen (15) days written notice of such intention.

The utility shall not be required to furnish services to any applicant; when such applicant is indebtedness. When a customer or applicant does not comply with state, municipal or other codes, rules and regulations applying to such service.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

The utility shall not discontinue service to any customer for nonpayment of bills without first having made a reasonable effort to induce the customer to pay same. The customer shall be given at least ten (10) days written notice, but the cut-off shall not be effected before twenty-seven (27) days after the mailing date of the original bill. Such termination notice shall be exclusive of local, state, and federal programs providing for the payment of utility bills under certain conditions and of the offices to contact for such possible assistance. If prior to discontinuance of service, there is delivered to the utility office, payment of the amount in arrears, then discontinuance of service shall not be made, or where a written certificate is filed signed by a physician, a registered nurse or a public health officer stating that, in the opinion of the person making the certification discontinuance of service will aggravate an existing illness or infirmity on the affected premises, service shall not be discontinued until the affected resident can make other living arrangements or until thirty (30) days elapse from the time of the utility's notification to the customer in writing of the existence of local, state and federal programs, providing for the payment of utility bills under certain conditions and of the offices to contact for such possible assistance. Service shall not be discontinued when the customer and the utility have reached agreement on a partial payment plan and the customer is meeting the requirements of the plan.

Employee Availability

An employee shall be available to answer consumer questions and negotiate partial payment plan.

An employee shall be available to answer questions regarding a customer's bill and to resolve disputes over the amount of such bill. The designation employee shall be authorized to negotiate partial payment plans of an outstanding bill and accept payments where the customer has shown good faith in attempting to meet his or her financial obligations to the utility.

At least one employee shall be available to answer consumer questions and negotiate partial payment plans at the utility's office during established office hours (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. closing for lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.).

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Johnson County Gas Company

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Certificate Of Need

Federal and statewide energy assistance programs are administered by the Kentucky Cabinet for Human Resources, Department for Social Insurance. Upon written certification from the Department for Social Insurance, issued at one (1) of its offices or the office of its designee, a customer who is eligible for energy assistance under the Department's financial need, defined as any household with gross income at or below 130 percent of the poverty level, and who has been issued a ten (10) day notice between December 1 and March 1 for nonpayment of a gas bill and who presents such notice to the Department for Social Insurance or its designee, shall be allowed thirty (30) days in addition to such ten (10) day period in which to negotiate a partial payment plan with the utility provided such certification is delivered to the utility during the initial ten (10) day notice period by the applicant in person, by his or her agent, by mail, or by a telephone call from an employee of the Department for Social Insurance or its designee. The thirty (30) day period shall begin to run at the end of the tenth day of the ten (10) day period. When the customer exhibits good faith by offering to make a present payment commensurate with his or her ability to do so and by agreeing to a repayment schedule which would permit the customer to become current in payment of his or her gas bill as soon as possible but no later than October 15, the utility shall accept such partial payment plan.

Budget Payment Plan

A budget plan shall be available by which a customer may elect to pay a fixed amount each month on a yearly basis in lieu of monthly billings based on actual usage. The provisions of this section relate to partial payments and budget plans that shall apply primarily to a utility's residential customers (renters excluded). It shall be the responsibility of the utility to disseminate information to its customers regarding the availability of such budget payment plan.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

Fraudulent Or Illegal Use Of Service

When the utility has discovered evidence that by fraudulent or illegal means a customer has obtained unauthorized service or has diverted the service for unauthorized use or has obtained service without same being properly measured, the service to the customer may be discontinued without notice. The utility shall not be required to restore service until the customer has complied with all rules of the utility and regulations of the commission and the utility has been reimbursed for the estimate amount of the service rendered and the cost to the utility incurred by reason of the fraudulent use.

Access To Property

The utility shall at all reasonable hours have access to meters, service connections and other property owned by it and located on customer's premises for purpose of installation, maintenance, meter reading, operation or removal of its property at the time service is to be terminated. Any employee of the utility whose duties require him or her to enter the customer's premises shall have identification which will identify him as an employee of the utility, the same to be shown by him or her upon request.

Property Damage

Any customer and/or person who causes damage to the property of this utility shall pay for all damages, repairs, and any other cost incurred as a result of the damages.

Length Of Service

All customers must guarantee service for one year from the date of their application for service.

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