

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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

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 Western Lewis's gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause.

On January 10, 2001, Western Lewis filed its GCA to be effective February 1, 2001. Western Lewis has modified its GCA clause to allow it to file a GCA monthly until further notice. Western Lewis requested a waiver of the 30-day notice period.

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

1. In its notice, Western Lewis proposed revised rates to pass on its expected increase in gas costs to its customers. Western Lewis's proposed expected gas cost ("EGC") is \$12.4785 per Mcf. The notice from its supplier that Western Lewis provided as part of its filing indicates that its EGC should be \$12.4728, an increase of \$3.0947 per Mcf from the prior EGC of \$9.3781.

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

3. Western Lewis proposed no current actual adjustment. Western Lewis also did not propose a total AA although the previous total AA of (1.84) cents per Mcf should remain in effect.

4. Western Lewis proposed no current balance adjustment. Western Lewis also did not propose a total BA although the previous total BA of .22 cents per Mcf should remain in effect.

5. These combined adjustments produce a corrected gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") of \$12.4566 per Mcf, \$3.0947 per Mcf more than the prior rate of \$9.3619.

6. The revised rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, are in the public interest, and should be approved for bills rendered on and after February 1, 2001. Western Lewis requested a waiver of the 30-day notice so that its rates can go into effect on February 1, 2001. Staff met with Western Lewis on January 4, 2001 to discuss Western Lewis's upcoming GCA filing. At that time, Western Lewis indicated that it had only recently received information from its supplier regarding the revised gas supply cost. In order to implement the new rates for the next billing cycle, Western Lewis stated that it would request waiver of the 30-day notice requirement. The grounds cited by Western Lewis constitute good cause to shorten the notice period pursuant to KRS 278.180(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. Western Lewis's motion to shorten the 30-day notice period is granted.
2. Western Lewis's proposed rates are denied.
3. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and are effective for bills rendered on and after February 1, 2001.

4. 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas M. O'Donnell", written over a horizontal line.

Executive Director

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 92-331-FF DATED JANUARY 26, 2001

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 cubic feet or less (Minimum Bill)	\$3.9883	\$12.4566	\$16.4399
Next 4,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.4565	12.4566	13.9131
Next 5,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.3970	12.4566	13.8536
Over 10,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.2228	12.4566	13.6794