COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF APACHE GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC. AND AN INVESTIGATION OF THE STATUS OF THE FT. KNOX LINE

CASE NO. 2000-483

<u>COMMISSION STAFF'S INFORMATION REQUEST TO</u> <u>APACHE GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.</u>

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Commission Staff requests that Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc. ("Apache") file the original and 5 copies of the following information with the Commission within 14 days of the date of this request, with a copy to all parties of record. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure its legibility. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

1. Burkesville Gas Company, Inc.'s ("Burkesville") tariff includes a copy of an Operations, Maintenance, and Transportation Agreement with Apache dated November 17, 1997. This contract provides for a \$1.05 per Mcf transportation charge. The contract states that \$.05 per Mcf is for gas transmitted through the Ft. Knox line.

a. Has Apache collected \$.05 per Mcf for use of the Ft. Knox Transmission Line? If yes, provide the amounts and the basis upon which Apache collected such amounts.

b. If Burkesville was escrowing the \$.05 per Mcf, explain why it would also pay Apache this amount.

c. If Burkesville was escrowing the \$.05 per Mcf and paying Apache the same amount, explain why Burkesville would also bear the cost of maintaining the line.

2. In what year did Cumberland Mineral Trust claim ownership of the Ft. Knox line? Is Apache aware of any person or entity currently claiming ownership of the line?

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DATED: ____2/7/01___

cc: Parties of Record