

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF INCREASING)	
WHOLESALE NATURAL GAS PRICES)	
AND THE IMPACTS OF SUCH)	
INCREASES ON THE RETAIL)	ADMINISTRATIVE
CUSTOMERS SERVED BY)	CASE NO. 384
KENTUCKY'S JURISDICTIONAL)	
NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION)	
COMPANIES)	

O R D E R

This proceeding was initiated by the Commission on September 12, 2000 to investigate increasing wholesale natural gas prices and their impacts on the customers of Kentucky's jurisdictional gas distribution companies. On January 30, 2001, the Commission entered an Order setting forth its findings on several issues related to natural gas price increases and the ways in which Kentucky's major local gas distribution companies ("LDCs") have dealt with these increases. In Ordering Paragraph 2 of that Order the Commission required the LDCs to file reports within 60 days addressing several issues concerning natural gas procurement, pricing and cost recovery. Those reports, which have been received, provide extensive discussions on many issues of great interest to the Commission. It is equally obvious that the intervenors will also have a great deal of interest in many of the same issues. With this in mind, and in order to develop a more complete record on which the Commission can evaluate the information contained in the reports, we find that intervenors should be afforded an opportunity to comment on the reports for the record in this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that those parties identified as intervenors in the Commission's January 30, 2001 Order in this proceeding shall have the opportunity to file with the Commission written comments on any issues raised in the reports filed by the five major LDCs regulated by the Commission. Comments shall be submitted for the purposes of stating the intervenors' positions on said issues and assisting the Commission in assessing the implications of these issues for the utility shareholders, the utility customers, and the Commonwealth. All such comments shall be filed with the Commission within 20 days from the date of this Order.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of April, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director