

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF GAS COST ADJUSTMENT)	
FILING OF WESTERN LEWIS-)	CASE NO. 2002-00043
RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT)	

ORDER

On May 12, 1993, in Case No. 92-331, the Commission approved rates for Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Western Lewis) and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with Western Lewis s gas cost adjustment (GCA) clause.

On February 8, 2002, Western Lewis filed its GCA to be effective March 1, 2002. Western Lewis requests a waiver of the 30-day notice period because it did not receive its expected gas rates from its supplier until on or about February 6, 2002. As KRS 278.180(2) permits the Commission to shorten the required notice period for good cause, the Commission finds the utility s request should be granted.

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

1. Western Lewis s notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected decrease in wholesale gas costs. Western Lewis s proposed expected gas cost (EGC) is \$4.0755 per Mcf, which is 76.2 cents per Mcf less than the prior EGC of \$4.8375.

2. Western Lewis s notice sets out no refund adjustment.

3. Western Lewis's notice sets out no current actual adjustment (AA). Western Lewis's total AA is (13.58) cents per Mcf, which is no change from the previous total AA.

4. Western Lewis's notice sets out no current quarter balance adjustment (BA). Western Lewis's total BA is (.1) cent per Mcf, which is no change from the previous total BA.

5. These combined adjustments produce a gas cost recovery rate (GCR) of \$3.9387 per Mcf, which is 76.2 cents per Mcf less than the previous rate of \$4.7007.

6. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved for bills rendered by Western Lewis on and after March 1, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for bills rendered on and after March 1, 2002.

2. Within 20 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 19th day of February, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00043 DATED February 19, 2002

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>		Gas Cost Recovery Rate	
	<u>Base Rate</u>		<u>Total</u>
First 1,000 cubic feet or less (Minimum Bill)	\$3.9883	\$3.9387	\$7.9270
Next 4,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.4565	3.9387	5.3952
Next 5,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.3970	3.9387	5.3357
Over 10,000 cubic feet per	1.2228	3.9387	5.1615