

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF EQUITABLE)	CASE NO. 2004-00100
GAS COMPANY)	

O R D E R

On April 12, 1993, in Case No. 1992-00326, the Commission approved rates for Equitable Gas Company, a division of Equitable Resources, Inc. ("Equitable"), and provided for their further adjustment on a quarterly basis in accordance with Equitable's gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause.

On March 25, 2004, Equitable filed its proposed GCA to be effective May 1, 2004.

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

1. Equitable's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Equitable's expected gas cost ("EGC") is \$8.2309 per Mcf, which is a decrease of 17.67 cents per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$8.4076.
3. Equitable's notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment ("AA") of 53.81 cents per Mcf. Equitable's total AA is \$2.0908 per Mcf, which is 9.39 cents per Mcf less than the previous total AA.

4. Equitable's notice sets out a current quarter balancing adjustment ("BA") of (.3) cent per Mcf. Equitable's total BA is (9.10) cents per Mcf, which is 1.22 cent per Mcf more than the previous total BA.

5. Equitable's GCA is \$10.2307 per Mcf, 25.84 cents per Mcf less than its previous rate of \$10.4891.

6. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for final meter readings by Equitable on and after May 1, 2004.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

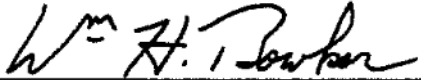
1. The rates in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are approved for final meter readings on and after May 1, 2004.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Equitable shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 29th day of April, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2004-00100 DATED APRIL 29, 2004

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Equitable Gas Company. 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.

RATES: Monthly

Customer Charge			\$4.45	
		<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
First	2 Mcf	\$1.0399	\$10.2307	\$11.2706
Next	18 Mcf	.8178	10.2307	11.0485
Next	30 Mcf	.7179	10.2307	10.9486
Next	50 Mcf	.6290	10.2307	10.8597
All Over	100 Mcf	.5513	10.2307	10.7820

The minimum bill shall be \$4.45

The above rates include recovery of a Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company surcharge of 61.4 cents per Dth pursuant to the settlement of Docket No. TQ 89-1-46, et al. before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.