#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT ) CASE NO. 2010-00376 FILING OF EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY )

### ORDER

On April 29, 2004, in Case No. 2003-00411,<sup>1</sup> 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 September 24, 2010, Equitable filed its proposed GCA to be effective November 1, 2010.

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 \$7.2095 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$1.5804 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$8.7899 per Mcf.
- 3. Equitable's notice sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment ("AA") of \$.0232 per Mcf. Equitable's total AA is (\$3.1660) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.5392 per Mcf from the previous total AA of (\$3.7052) per Mcf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2003-00411, Application of Equitable Gas Company to Increase Rates Pursuant to KRS 278.485 (Ky. PSC Apr. 29, 2004).

- 4. Equitable's notice sets out a current quarter Balancing Adjustment ("BA") of (\$.0072) per Mcf. Equitable's total BA is (\$.0977) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.0237 per Mcf from the previous total BA of (\$.1214) per Mcf.
- 5. Equitable's Gas Cost Recovery rate is \$3.9458 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$1.0175 per Mcf from its previous rate of \$4.9633 per Mcf.
- 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 November 1, 2010.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are approved for final meter readings on and after November 1, 2010.
- 2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Equitable shall file its revised tariffs with this Commission setting out the rates authorized herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

By the Commission

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Executive Director

#### **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2010-00376 DATED OCT 2.7 2010

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 the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

**RATES**: Monthly

**Customer Charge** 

\$7.50

Gas Cost

Base Rate

Recovery Rate

**Total Rate** 

All Mcf

\$2.1322

\$3.9458

\$ 6.0780

The minimum bill shall be \$7.50

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