# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY FRONTIER GAS,	)
LLC FOR APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATION OF AND	)
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES, APPROVAL OF AMR	) CASE NO.
EQUIPMENT AND A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE	) 2011-00443
AND NECESSITY FOR INSTALLATION OF AMR, PIPELINE	)
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, REVISION OF NON-	)
RECURRING FEES AND REVISION OF TARIFFS	)

### ORDER

On August 9, 2012, Kentucky Frontier Gas, LLC ("Frontier") tendered for filing an application for consolidation and adjustment of its rates for gas service, approval of Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") equipment, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the installation of the AMR equipment, a Pipe Replacement Program, revision of non-recurring charges, and revision of tariffs. The Commission's letter of August 28, 2012 notified Frontier that its application was deficient. Frontier filed supplemental information on September 6, 2012 which cured its filing deficiencies and its application was accepted for filing as of that date.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), no change can be made by a utility in any rate except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Thus, based on a filing date of September 6, 2012, the earliest date that Frontier's new rates could become effective is October 5, 2012. Having reviewed Frontier's application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be completed by October 5, 2012. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective

date of the proposed rates for five months. The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Absent informal resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least four business days prior to the established due date. If this deadline is not met, the filing party should include in the written objection or motion a full and complete explanation for such failure.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Frontier's proposed rates are suspended for five months, up to and including March 4, 2013.
  - 2. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix shall be followed.
- 3. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 10 copies to the Commission.
- b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.
- c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

4. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 10 copies with the Commission and a copy to all parties of record.

5. Frontier shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, Frontier shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

7. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon four business days' notice or the filing party shall explain, in writing, why such notice was not possible.

8. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

9. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

Commissioner Breathitt is abstaining from this proceeding.

**ENTERED** 

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC

Executive Director

## **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2011-00443 DATED SEP 1 9 2012

All requests for information to Frontier shall be filed no later than
Frontier shall file responses to requests for information no later than
All supplemental requests for information to Frontier shall be filed no later than
Frontier shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than
Last day for Frontier to publish notice of hearing To be scheduled
Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Frontier and Intervenors
Simultaneous Briefs, if any, shall be filed

Honorable John N Hughes Attorney at Law 124 West Todd Street Frankfort, KENTUCKY 40601