#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

# APPLICATION OF PUBLIC GAS COMPANY)FOR RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR SMALL)CASE NO.UTILITIES PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)2012-00431

#### ORDER

On September 28, 2012, Public Gas Company ("Public") submitted an application for an adjustment of its rates for gas service pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076, the Alternative Rate Filing ("ARF") procedure for small utilities. Pursuant to the ARF regulation, the application was based on Public's most recent annual report, which is its annual report for calendar year 2011.

Having reviewed Public's application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Public's application is considered filed as of September 28, 2012.

2. This proceeding is established to review the reasonableness of Public's proposed rates.<sup>1</sup>

3. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix shall be followed.

4. a. In responding to Commission Staff requests for information, Public is to file with the Commission its electronic responses and a paper original of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Public's proposed rates for gas service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rate or six months from the date of the filing of its application, whichever occurs first.

information, and serve all parties of record. Electronic responses shall be appropriately indexed and bookmarked. Paper responses shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to questions related to the information provided.

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. Public 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 Public fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

5. Public shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11. At the time publication is requested, Public 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.

-2-

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.

10. 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.

By the Commission

Commissioner Breathitt is abstaining from this proceeding.

ENTERED A OCT 2 9 2012 KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTES

Case No. 2012-00431

### APPENDIX

## APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2012-00431 DATED OCT 2 9 2012

All requests for information to Public shall be filed no later than	
Public shall file responses to requests for information no later than	
All supplemental requests for information to Public shall be filed no later than	
Public 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	01/08/13
All requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than	01/23/13
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than	
Last day for Public 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 Public and Intervenors	. To be scheduled

Larry Brainard Controller Public Gas Company 8500 Station Street Mentor, OHIO 44060

Paul G Garcia Consultant Norbourne Associates, LLC 409 S. Sherrin Ave Louisville, KENTUCKY 40207

Thomas J Smith President Public Gas Company 8500 Station Street, Suite 100 Mentor, OHIO 44060