## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING OF HERITAGE PROPANE DBA BRIGHT'S PROPANE SERVICE	)	CASE NO. 2013-00374
	)	

## ORDER

On February 15, 1991, in Case No. 1990-00091, the Commission approved rates for Bright's Propane Service, Inc. ("Bright's Propane") and provided for their further adjustment on a quarterly basis in accordance with Bright's Propane's Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") clause. On March 5, 2008, Heritage Propane acquired the assets of the former Bright's Propane and adopted Bright's Propane's tariffs. On October 11, 2013, the Commission approved the acquisition of Bright's Propane by Amerigas Partners, L.P. and Amerigas Propane, L.P.<sup>2</sup>

On October 16, 2013, Bright's Propane filed its proposed GCA to be effective November 1, 2013.

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

1. Bright's Propane's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale propane costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 1990-00091, Jurisdictional Status of Bright's Propane Service, Inc.'s Propane Distribution System (Ky. PSC Feb. 15, 1991).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Case No. 2013-00241, Application of Amerigas Partners, L.P. and Amerigas Propane, L.P. for Approval of the Acquisition of the Utility Assets of Heritage Operating, L.P. D/B/A Bright's Propane Service, Inc. and for Authority to Abandon the Pipeline System and Serve Customers by Other Means (Ky. PSC Oct. 11, 2013).

- 2. Bright's Propane's notice sets out an Average Gas Cost ("AGC") component of \$.02700 per cubic foot. Correcting the May 2013 Beginning Month Inventory price to reflect the correct \$.03043 Ending Month Inventory for April 2013, as revised by the Commission in the Order in Bright's Propane's last GCA, results in an AGC of \$.03043 per cubic foot, which represents no change from the previous AGC.
- 3. Bright's Propane's notice sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment ("AA") of \$.001016 per cubic foot. Correcting the AA to reflect the \$.03043 cost of gas sold, the \$.02942 AGC in effect May through July 2013, and several spread sheet errors results in an AA of \$.000094 per cubic foot. Bright's Propane's total AA is \$.00009 per cubic foot, which is an increase of \$.00705 per cubic foot from the previous total AA of (\$.00696) per cubic foot.
- 4. Bright's Propane's notice sets out \$.015 per cubic foot to recover overhead operating costs as approved in its tariff.
- 5. Bright's Propane's GCA is \$.04552 per cubic foot, which is an increase of \$.00705 per cubic foot from the previous rate of \$.03847 per cubic foot.
- 6. The rate in the Appendix to this Order is fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for final meter readings on and after November 16, 2013. Bright's Propane did not give the 30 days' notice required for its increase in rates to be effective November 1, 2013.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The rate proposed by Bright's Propane is denied.
- 2. The rate in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, is approved for final meter readings on and after November 16, 2013.

3. Within 20 days from the date of this Order, Bright's Propane shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

By the Commission

ENTERED

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

# APPENDIX

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2013-00374 DATED NOV 1 4 2013

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Heritage Operating L/P D/B/A Bright's Propane Service, Inc. 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

All Propane \$ .04552 per cubic foot

Minimum Bill \$ 18.21

(First 400 Cubic feet or less)

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