

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF THE IMPACT)	
OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOB ACT ON THE RATES)	
OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, DELTA)	
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC., COLUMBIA GAS)	
OF KENTUCKY, INC., KENTUCKY-AMERICAN)	CASE NO. 2017-00481
WATER COMPANY, AND WATER SERVICE)	
CORPORATION OF KENTUCKY)	
)	

ORDER

On December 28, 2017, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through his office of Rate Intervention (“AG”), filed a motion jointly in this case and in Case No. 2017-00471 requesting that the Commission approve four procedural actions, three of which are relevant to this case. The first requested action is to consolidate this investigation case, which involves the impacts of the recent reduction in the federal corporate tax rate on the rates charged for service provided by three gas utilities and two water utilities, with Case No. 2017-00477,¹ a complaint on the same issues filed by Kentucky Industrial Utilities Customers, Inc. (“KIUC”) against two electric utilities and two combined electric and gas utilities. The AG asserts that the issues in these two cases will affect all of the named utilities similarly and that consolidation will result in efficient use of Commission resources and reduce the burdens on both the affected utilities and intervenors.

¹ Case No. 2017-00477, *Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, Inc., vs. Kentucky Utilities Company, Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Power Company, And Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.* (filed Dec. 21, 2017)

The second requested action is that electronic filing procedures be established for the two cases to reduce the costs to the parties and allow greater transparency. The final request applicable to this case is that the Commission schedule an informal conference to afford the parties an opportunity to discuss the relevant procedural and substantive issues.

Based on a review of the AG's motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that neither the record in this case nor the record in Case No. 2017-00477 is sufficiently developed at this time to determine whether efficiencies would be gained by consolidating these two cases as requested by the AG, or whether separate cases should be established for each utility as requested by Duke Kentucky in Case No. 2017-477.² Consequently, the Commission will defer a decision on these issues until the records of each case is more fully developed.

The Commission does find good cause to establish the use of electronic filing procedures in this case to reduce the burden on all parties. In addition, we find that while an informal conference will likely benefit the parties to this case, it should be scheduled after the parties have had sufficient opportunity to review the testimony and responses to the complaint.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

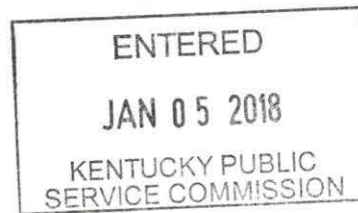
1. The AG's motion to consolidate this case with Case No. 2017-00481 shall be held in abeyance until the record of both cases is further developed.

² The Commission notes that while KIUC filed a joint response to the AG's motion in Case No. 2017-00477 and this case, KIUC is not a party to this case. Until KIUC requests and is granted intervention in this case, or the two cases are consolidated, it should refrain from filing any documents in this case.

2. The AG's motion to establish electronic filing procedures is granted. Any party filing a paper shall upload an electronic version using the Commission's E-Filing System and shall file the original and six copies in paper medium, except that only two copies in paper medium shall be filed of maps, plans, specifications, and drawings pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 15(2)(d).

3. The AG's motion to schedule an informal conference is granted and an informal conference shall be scheduled after the parties have had sufficient time to review the named utilities' responses and testimony.

By the Commission



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