

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF DELTA NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	2019-00454
INC.)	

ORDER

On December 23, 2019, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Delta) filed a petition, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and all other applicable law, requesting that the Commission grant confidential protection for an indefinite period to the identity of the gas suppliers listed in its Quarterly Gas Cost Recovery filing.

Delta states that the designated material contains sensitive commercial information that, if disclosed, would injure Delta's ability to negotiate future gas supply contracts at advantageous prices, which would thereby force Delta's customers to pay a higher price for natural gas. Delta further asserts that disclosure of the information would permit an unfair advantage to its competitors for both gas supplies and retail gas load.

Having considered the petition and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the identity of the gas suppliers located in Delta's Quarterly Gas Cost Recovery filing is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary; therefore, it meets the criteria for confidential treatment and is exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(c).


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Delta's petition for confidential protection for the identity of the gas suppliers located in the Quarterly Gas Cost Recovery filing is granted.
2. The identity of the gas suppliers located in the Quarterly Gas Cost Recovery filing shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection until further Order of this Commission.
3. The use of the material in question in any Commission proceeding shall be in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
4. Delta shall inform the Commission if the material in question becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment.
5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Delta shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 71.878. If Delta is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.
6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days following an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Delta to seek a remedy afforded by law.

By the Commission

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