

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF SENTRA)	2022-00003
CORPORATION)	

ORDER

On January 4, 2022, Sentra Corporation (Sentra) filed its proposed Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate report to be effective February 1, 2022. Sentra’s previous GCR rate was approved in Case No. 2021-00383.¹

The Commission’s standard of review for GCR rates is well settled as stated in KRS 278.274(1):

In determining whether proposed natural gas utility rates are just and reasonable, the commission shall review the utility’s gas purchasing practices. The commission may disallow any costs or rates which are deemed to result from imprudent purchasing practices on the part of the utility.

Further, the utility has the burden to prove the rates are just and reasonable and the Commission may reduce the purchased gas component of the utility’s rates or the rates charged by an affiliated company to the extent the amount is deemed to be unjust or unreasonable.²

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

¹ Case No. 2021-00383, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Sentra Corporation* (Ky. PSC Oct. 27, 2021).

² KRS 278.274(2); KRS 278.274(3)(c), and KRS 278.274(3)(d).

1. Sentra's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.

2. Sentra's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$4.9798 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$2.2863 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$7.2661 per Mcf.

3. Sentra's report sets out a Refund Adjustment (RA) of \$0.8700 per Mcf, which is no change from the prior RA.

4. Sentra's report sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) of \$0.1085 per Mcf. Sentra's total AA is \$0.0213 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.0973 per Mcf from its previous total AA of (\$0.0760) per Mcf.

5. Sentra's report sets out a current quarter Balance Adjustment (BA) of (\$0.0004) per Mcf. Sentra's total BA is (\$0.0189) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.0023 per Mcf from its previous total BA of (\$0.0212) per Mcf.

6. Sentra's Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate is \$5.8522 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$2.1867 per Mcf from its previous GCR rate of \$8.0389 per Mcf.

7. The rate set forth in Appendix to this Order is fair, just and reasonable and should be approved for service rendered by Sentra on and after February 1, 2022. Although Sentra's GCR rate report did not provide 30 days' notice to the Commission as required by its tariff, KRS 278.180(2) authorizes the Commission to make a reduction in rates effective in less than 30 days

8. For the purpose of transparency and to maintain a record of information for future use the Commission finds that Sentra should continue to submit all invoices it receives, monthly usage reports, and provide the calculations used to justify the NYMEX rate per Dth and the Greystone Adder when it files its future GCR rate reports.

9. Should Sentra purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports, then the supplier, cost, and amount must be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rate proposed by Sentra and set forth in the Appendix to this Order is approved for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022.

2. Sentra shall submit all information noted in finding paragraph 8 as part of all future GCR filings.

3. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, Sentra shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rate approved herein and reflecting that it was approved pursuant to this Order.

4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:


Executive Director

Case No. 2022-00003

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00003 DATED JAN 28 2022

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Sentra Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Gas Cost Recovery rate

The Gas Cost Recovery rate shall be \$5.8522 per Mcf for service rendered on and after February 1, 2022.

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