BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OFKENTUCKY

A meeting of the Public Service Commission was held on this date. Present: Chairman Robert M. Coleman and Commissioners C. R. Walden and H. Clay Kauffman.

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In the Matter of

EMERGENCY LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF GAS FOR SPACE HEATING

) ADMINISTRATIVE) ORDER NO. 84

ORDER

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Commission that the gas supply to certain gas utilities within the State of Kentucky is inadequate to meet the requirements of the utilities on extremely cold days, and

WHEREAS, the Commission is aware of the fact that there has been a tremendous increase in the use of gas for space heating throughout the State which could largely contribute to the shortage of gas in extremely cold weather, and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Commission that emergency restrictions should be imposed by the utility to guard against a shortage of gas where the welfare of the residential customer is impaired, and the following limitations should be adopted, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the 14th day of January, 1954 in the offices of the Commission at which hearing various gas utilities, and the City of Middlesboro, through its city attorney, offered criticism, objections and suggestions upon the advisability of entering the proposed Order, and, the Commission having considered the comments, criticisms, objections, and suggestions, together with the protests filed in opposition of said Order, and being advised:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) To the extent that it is necessary to prevent a shortage of gas for its residential customers, giving due regard to its interruptible contracts, the utility shall require its industrial customers to limit their use of gas during emergency periods to the amount necessary to prevent damage to their equipment.

(2) If the limitation contained in (1) is insufficient to maintain adequate supplies of gas for its residential customers, the supply of gas to its commercial customers except hospitals, charitable institutions, or other establishments where the element of human welfare is a predominant requirement shall be limited as provided in (1) above.

(3) Upon the failure of any customer to comply with these requirements after due notice from the utility, the utility shall disconnect his gas service and shall not reconnect it until satisfactory assurance is given by the customer that compliance will ensue.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of January, 1954. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY: Weller Chairman ma Commissioner Commissioner

ATTEST:

JAMES E. BANAHAN, Secretary