

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CASE NO. 2005-00404**

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IN THE MATTER OF:

RONALD J. HALL

COMPLAINANT

VS.

RESPONSE TO MEMORANDUM

EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY

DEFENDANT

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A memorandum was filed by the Staff of the Public Service Commission with regard to the informal conference which took place by telephone pursuant to the Commission's order on December 6, 2005. Since that telephone conference, Equitable Gas Company has investigated the matter further and has determined that an employee of a mail service that contracts with Equitable Gas Company signed for the two (2) orders at issue in this proceeding. Equitable Gas Company has always timely responded to inquiries of the Commission in the past and would have done so if it had received the notice. It has now taken action to insure that any future notices will go to multiple individuals within the company familiar with dealing with inquiries from the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Equitable Gas Company remains willing to try to informally resolve this matter but does not think that it would be appropriate for there to be a

finding that it had violated 807 KAR 5:003 or that it be assessed a civil penalty since it did not deliberately fail to respond to the Commission's inquiries.

Respectfully submitted,

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