

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF GAS COST)
RECOVERY FILING OF EAST) CASE NO. 2005-00537
KENTUCKY UTILITIES, INC.)

O R D E R

On December 16, 2005, East Kentucky Utilities, Inc. ("East Kentucky") applied to the Commission for authority to increase its gas cost adjustment rate to customers effective January 1, 2006. East Kentucky requests a waiver of the 30-day notice period to place rates into effect by January 1, 2006. KRS 278.180 permits the Commission to shorten the required notice period for good cause. In the case of an increase, however, the Commission can only shorten the notice period to 20 days. If granted, East Kentucky's request for waiver would be effective January 5, 2006.

The Commission, however, finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. East Kentucky's request for waiver of the 30-day notice period is denied.
2. The proposed rates are hereby suspended for 5 months from January 15, 2006 up to and including June 14, 2006.
3. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering a final decision in this case prior to the termination of the suspension period.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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