# AUXIER ROAD GAS COMPANY, INC.

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June 2, 2008

Ms. Stephanie L. Stumbo
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
P O Box 615
Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

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Re:

Auxier Road Gas Co., Inc. Rate Case: 2008-00156

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

This is a response to the Public Service Commission letter to Auxier Road Gas Co., Inc. dated May 30, 2008 regarding a filing deficiency pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011 Section 10(2) – to revise certain but, not all, fees included in our tariff. Attached is a copy of our existing tariff and a revised tariff reflecting the proposed changes along with the Nonrecurring Charge Cost Justification forms.

Auxier is currently experiencing negative earnings and has filed for a rate case. Therefore, the additional income generated by the tariff filing will not result in an increase in the rate of return to a level greater than that proposed in our current rate case.

Auxier Road Gas Co., Inc. has published the enclosed public notice of the requested rate and tariff changes in the local newspaper for three consecutive weeks. We have also enclosed a copy of the affidavit from the newspaper.

A copy of this response and related filings has been sent to the Office of the Attorney General, State Capital Building, Suite 118, Frankfort, KY 40601.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact us at the above listed address.

Sincerely

Sallye M. Branham, President

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Type of Charge: RECONNECTION CHARGE - for nonpayment

1. Field E	xpense:	
A.	Materials (Itemize)	
		\$
B.	Labor (Time and Wage)	
	1 hour @ \$12.25 per hour	12.25
	Total Field Expense	\$ 12.25
2. Clerical	and Office Expense	
A.	Supplies	\$2.75
B.	Labor	20.00
	Total Clerical and Office Expense	\$22.75
3. Miscella	aneous Expense	
A.	Transportation	\$20.00
B.	Other (Itemize)	
	Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 20.00
Tot	al Nonrecurring Charge Expense	\$55.00

Type of Charge: RECONNECTION CHARGE for re-establishing service within 12 mos

1. Field E	Expense:	
A.	Materials (Itemize)	
	Pipe dope	\$ 2.25
	Rubbers to seal off meter	3.75
B.	Labor (Time and Wage)	
	4 hrs @ \$12.25 per hr.	49.00
	Total Field Expense	\$_55.00
2. Clerica	al and Office Expense	
A.	Supplies	\$_5.00
B.	Labor	20.00
	Total Clerical and Office Expense	\$ 25.00
B. Miscel	laneous Expense	
A.	Transportation	\$_20.00
B.	Other (Itemize)	
	Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$_20.00
Tot	tal Nonrecurring Charge Expense	\$ <sup>100.00</sup>

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kpense:	
Materials (Itemize)	
	\$
Labor (Time and Wage)	
1 hr @ \$12.25 per hr.	12.25
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Supplies	\$2.25
Labor	20.00
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nneous Expense	
Transportation	\$20.00
Other (Itemize)	
Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 20.00
al Nonrecurring Charge Expense	<b>\$</b> 54.50
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Type of Charge: SERVICE CHARGE - Insufficient funds

1. Field E	xpense:	
A.	Materials (Itemize)	
		\$
В.	Labor (Time and Wage)	
	Total Field Expense	\$
2. Clerical	and Office Expense	
A.	Supplies	\$5.00
B.	Labor	10.00
	Total Clerical and Office Expense	\$_15.00
3. Miscella	aneous Expense	
A.	Transportation	\$
B.	Other (Itemize)	
	Total Miscellaneous Expense	\$
Tota	al Nonrecurring Charge Expense	<b>\$_15.00</b>

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- (6) Each customer shall be installed a separate meter, and no building having more than one tenant shall be served by a single meter.
- (7) Meter reading will be taken between 22-29<sup>th</sup> of each month and mailed on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.
- (8) Accounts not paid 10 days after mailing date shall be subject to a 10% penalty on the total bill due.
- (9) A reconnection charge of \$50.00 shall be paid before service is restored following disconnection for non-payment of bill.
- (10) A reconnection charge for customers who request discontinuance of service and subsequently re-establishes service at the same premises within twelve (12) months is \$100.00.
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#### Definitions

For purposes of this tariff:

- 1. "Average Expected Cost" is the cost of purchased gas which results from the application of supplier rates currently in effect, or reasonable expected to be in effect during the calendar quarter, on purchased volumes for the most recently available twelve-month period, divided by the corresponding sales volume. In the event that line loss exceeds 5 percent, purchased volumes for the twelve-month period shall be calculated as: sales volumes + .95. Where the calculations require the use of volumes used during a given period, and those volumes did not exist for a particular source for the entire period, or the Company expects the volumes to change substantially, the Company may make appropriate adjustments to its calculations. Any adjustment of this type shall be described in the quarterly GCR application.
- 2. The "GCR" is the total of the expected gas cost and all adjustments.
- 3. The "Calendar Quarters" are: 1st January, February, and March; 2nd April, May, and June; 3rd July, August, and Septemper; and 4th October, November, and December.
- 4. "Reporting Period" means the three month accounting period that ended approximately 60 days prior to the filing date of the updated gas cost recovery rates, i.e., the calendar quarters ended March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year.

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#### GAS COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE

#### Determination of GCR

The Company shall file a gas cost recovery rate (GCR) with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the first day of each calendar quarter. The GCR shall become effective for billing for service rendered on and after the first day of each calendar quarter.

The gas cost recovery rate is comprised of:

- 1. The expected gas cost (EGC) on a dollar-per-Mcf basis, which represents the average expected cost of purchased gas based on 12 months of actual usage.
- 2. The actual adjustment (AA), on a dollar-per-Mcf basis, which compensates for differences between previous quarters' expected gas cost and the actual cost of gas. The AA shall equal the sum of the AA for the reporting period and for the three preceding calendar quarters.
- 3. The supplier refund adjustment (RA) on a dollar-per-Mcf basis, which reflects the refunds received from suppliers during the reporting period plus interest at a rate equal to one-half of one percent below the average 90-day commercial paper rate for the twelve-month period. In the event of any large or unusual refund, the company may apply to the Commission for the right to depart from the refund procedures set forth herein.
- 4. The balance adjustment (BA) on a dollar-per-Mcf basis, which ment any remaining under- or over-collections which have occurred as a result of prior actual, refund, and balance adjustments.

#### Billing

The gas cost recovery rate to be applied to bill of RENTICKY shall equal the sum of the following components:

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#### Billing

The gas cost recovery rate to be applied to bills of customers shall equal the sum of the following components:

GCR = EGC + AA + RA + BA

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#### NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Auxier Road Gas Co., Inc. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that are higher or lower than the rates proposed in this notice. Any corporation, association, body politic or person may request leave to intervene by motion within thirty (30) days after notice of the proposed rate changes is given. A motion to intervene shall be in writing, shall be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Blvd, P O Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, and shall set forth the grounds for the motion, including the status and interest of the party movant. Copies of the application may be obtained at no charge from Auxier Road Gas Co., Inc. at P O Box 785, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Upon request from an intervenor, the applicant shall furnish to the intervenor a copy of the application and supporting documents.

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	<u>RATE</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	% INCREASE
1 <sup>st</sup> MCF	5.11	6.36	1.25	24.46%
All over	4.2599	5.5099	1.25	29.34%

The tariff revisions for nonrecurring charges are as follows:

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