

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF RICHARDSVILLE GAS )      CASE NO.  
COMPANY, INC. TO ABANDON FACILITY )      2013-00234  
PURSUANT TO KRS 278.021, SECTION 2(B) )

ORDER

On January 13, 2014, the Commission issued an Order setting this matter for a formal hearing on March 4, 2014. On February 7, 2014, the Commission ordered Richdardsville Gas Company, Inc. (“Richdardsville Gas”) to obtain counsel for the hearing in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 3.020 pertaining to the practice of law. On February 27, 2014, Richdardsville Gas submitted a letter, which the Commission will treat as a motion, to postpone the scheduled hearing.

In support of its motion, Richdardsville sets forth two arguments. First, it states that the potential for a pending rate increase would increase the salability of the utility.<sup>1</sup> Second, it contends that it is unable to afford the services of an attorney due to its current stressed financial situation.

The Commission finds that Richdardsville Gas has demonstrated good cause to postpone the hearing in this matter. The Commission further finds that in the interest of administrative economy, this matter should be held in abeyance pending resolution of Case No. 2014-00066, which is Richdardsville Gas’s request for an increase in its rates.

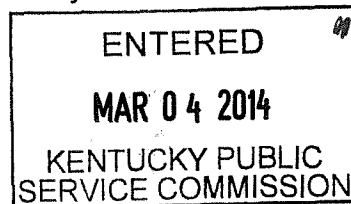
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<sup>1</sup> On February 28, 2014, Richdardsville Gas submitted an application to increase its rates. Case No. 2014-00066, Application of Richdardsville Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of Rates on an Emergency Basis under 807 KAR 5:076, the Commission’s Alternative Rate Filing Procedure and for a One-Year Rate Surcharge for Non-Recurring Charges (Ky. PSC filed Feb. 28, 2014).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The hearing in this matter scheduled for March 4, 2014, is indefinitely postponed to a date to be determined.
2. This matter shall be held in abeyance until the Commission issues a final Order in Case No. 2014-00066, Application of Richardsville Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of Rates on an Emergency Basis under 807 KAR 5:076, the Commission's Alternative Rate Filing Procedure and for a One-Year Rate Surcharge for Non-Recurring Charges.
3. Within 30 days of a final Order in Case No. 2014-00066, Richardsville Gas shall inform the Commission as to the status of any potential sale of the utility and whether it desires to proceed with abandoning its facilities.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
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Case No. 2013-00234

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