

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF VALLEY GAS INC. FOR AN) CASE NO.
ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT) 2013-00150

ORDER

On April 15, 2013, Valley Gas, Inc. ("Valley Gas") filed a request for a deviation regarding the date of its depreciation schedule required for a rate adjustment under the alternative rate filing ("ARF") procedure for small utilities, 807 KAR 5:076, Section 4(d).

807 KAR 5:076, Section 8, defines the test period for an ARF application as the 12-month period coinciding with the reporting period of the applicant's annual report for the immediate past year, which in this case is the calendar year ending December 31, 2012. Valley Gas states that its depreciation schedule is from the 12 months ending June 30, 2012, based on the fiscal year for Valley Gas's federal and state tax returns. Valley Gas requested the deviation to avoid the cost it would incur if it were required to prepare an additional depreciation schedule based on the calendar year ending December 31, 2012.

The Commission finds that the requested deviation should be granted. The date of this Order will be considered the filing date of Valley Gas's application.¹

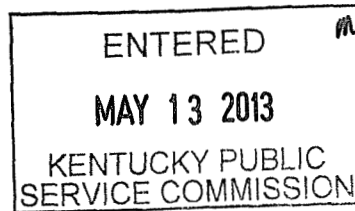
¹ No action is necessary to suspend Valley Gas's proposed rates for gas service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:076 (the regulation governing Alternative Rate Filings) may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application, whichever occurs first.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that

1. Valley Gas's request to deviate from 807 KAR 5:076, Section 8, as described herein, is granted.

2. For procedural purposes, today's date shall be considered the date that Valley Gas's application is considered filed.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


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