

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THOMAS RICHARD THACKER AND SHANNON CHAPMAN THACKER)	
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COMPLAINANT)	CASE NO.
)	2015-00269
V.)	
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EQT MIDSTREAM)	
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DEFENDANT)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO THOMAS RICHARD THACKER AND SHANNON CHAPMAN THACKER

Thomas Richard Thacker and Shannon Chapman Thacker ("Complainants"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, are to file with the Commission the original and ten copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before March 11, 2016. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and

accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

The Complainants shall make timely amendment to any prior response if other information is obtained which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which the Complainants fail or refuse to furnish all or part of the requested information, the Complainants shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for failing to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When filing a paper containing personal information, the Complainants shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Answer of EQT Gathering, LLC. ("EQT") to the complaint ("Answer") filed by the Complainants, numerical paragraph 1, which states, "[o]n January 26, 1996, Ashland Exploration, Inc., entered into a contract ("Contract") with the Thackers for the supply of natural gas. See Contract, attached as Exhibit A. EQT is the successor-in-interest to this Contract." Do the Complainants agree with the assertions made in this statement? If not, state any differences.

2. Refer to EQT's Answer, numerical paragraph 2, which states that either party had the right to cancel the Contract on fifteen 15-days written notice. Do the Complainants agree with the statement? If not, state any differences.

3. Refer to EQT's Answer, numerical paragraph 4, which states in part, "[i]n 2015, EQT made a business decision to discontinue the line serving the Thacker residence and abandon the connected wells." Do the Complainants have any reason to dispute the assertions made in this statement? If so, explain.

4. Refer to EQT's Answer, numerical Paragraph 5, which states that EQT served Complainants with notice of its intent to abandon the pipeline and discontinue service as of August 1, 2015, in a letter dated June 4, 2015. Do the Complainants agree with the assertions made in this statement? If not, state any differences.

5. Refer to EQT's Answer, numerical Paragraph 6, which states, "[t]o the best of EQT's knowledge, the Thackers were provided with contact groups and given the names of other utility providers in the area, including Chesapeake." Did the Complainants receive the names of other utility providers in the area? If so, who provided the information?

6. Are the Complainants aware of EQT currently obtaining gas from producing wells or gas gathering pipelines located on or over Complainants' property?

7. Are the Complainants aware of EQT currently obtaining gas from producing wells or gas gathering pipelines located within one-half (1/2) air-mile of the Complainants' property and point of desired service?

8. Explain whether the Complainants are currently receiving natural gas service from EQT. If not, state the date EQT discontinued said service.

9. If EQT discontinued service to the Complainants, describe how the service was physically disconnected from the Complainants' property, including whether the

meter, regulators, and all other above ground appurtenances to the Complainants' property were removed.

10. If EQT is not providing service, state whether the Complainants are now obtaining service from a different provider of farm tap service.

a. If so, state the name of the farm tap provider and the date that service began.

b. Have the Complainants entered into any written contract or agreement with the new farm tap provider regarding its terms of the service? If so, provide any such documentation.

c. State whether the Complainants were charged a service tap fee by the new farm tap provider. If so, provide all documentation showing the amount of the fee and what the fee included.


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