COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY FRONTIER)	
GAS, LLC AND PUBLIC GAS COMPANY FOR)	CASE NO.
APPROVAL OF TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION)	2015-00299
OF ASSETS AND FINANCING)	

ORDER

On August 31, 2015, Kentucky Frontier Gas, LLC ("Frontier") and Public Gas Company ("Public") (collectively "Applicants") tendered for filing an application seeking approval of Frontier's acquisition of Public's natural gas distribution assets pursuant to KRS 278.020(4) and (5), and for approval of Frontier's financing of the acquisition pursuant to KRS 278.300. The application was found to be deficient. The deficiencies were cured on September 4, 2015, and the application was deemed filed as of that date.

KRS 278.020(6) states that the Commission shall address an application seeking approval of an acquisition within 60 days after the filing of such application unless, for good cause, it is necessary to continue the application for an additional 60 days. KRS 278.300(2) provides that the Commission shall adjudicate an application for authority to issue evidences of indebtedness within 60 days from the date the application is filed unless it is necessary for good cause to continue the application. As it does not expect to complete its investigation of the application within 60 days, the Commission finds that good cause exists to continue the acquisition request for up to 60 days beyond the

60-day period specified in KRS 278.020(6) and to continue the financing request beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule for this matter should be established for the processing of this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Applicants' request for approval of the acquisition by Frontier of the natural gas distribution assets of Public is continued for 60 additional days beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.020(6), through January 4, 2016, the first business day following the expiration of the statutory period for review.
- 2. Frontier's request for authority to issue evidences of indebtedness in order to finance its acquisition of Public's natural gas distribution assets is continued beyond the 60-day period specified in KRS 278.300(2).
- 3. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed in this proceeding.
- a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and ten copies to the Commission.
- b. 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.

- c. Any party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.
- d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for their failure to completely and precisely respond.
- e. Any document containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(1), be encrypted or redacted so that the personal information cannot be read.
- 4. Responses to requests for information or production of documents made by Commission Staff shall be submitted in accordance with the procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order.
- 5. Any testimony filed in this matter shall include an original and ten copies which shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed.
- 6. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
- 7. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance.

 Consequently, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

- 8. A person who submits a motion to intervene after September 24, 2015, and upon a showing of good cause is granted leave to intervene, shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.
- 9. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from issuing further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

ENTERED

SEP 16 2015

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Executive Birector

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2015-00299 DATED **SEP 1 6 2015**

A person interested in becoming a party to this proceeding shall file a motion to intervene with the Commission pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), no later than
Intervenors and Commission Staff may serve interrogatories and requests for production of documents on Frontier and Public no later than10/05/15
Frontier and Public shall file with the Commission and serve upon parties of record responses to interrogatories and requests for production of documents no later than
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