COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)CASE NO.FILING OF CITIPOWER, LLC)2016-00318

<u>ORDER</u>

On April 3, 2009, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 2008-00392¹ approving certain adjustments to the rates of Citipower, LLC ("Citipower") and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates in accordance with the provisions of Citipower's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause.

On September 1, 2016, Citipower filed its Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") rate application to be effective October 1, 2016.

After reviewing the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Citipower's notice proposes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.

2. Citipower's notice sets out an Expected Gas Cost ("EGC") of \$4.1168 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.4842 per Mcf from the prior EGC of \$3.6326 per Mcf. Citipower's average 12-month EGC is based in part on the expectation that it will need to buy gas at a higher-than-normal price from Citizens Gas Utility District ("Citizens Gas") during periods of high usage in cold weather. Citizens Gas's volumes are priced using current price projections as of August 2016. The EGC is otherwise based on

¹ Case No. 2008-00392, Application of Citipower, LLC for Rate Adjustment for Small Utilities Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076 (Ky. PSC Apr. 3, 2009).

Citipower's expected cost of gas from its primary supplier, Citigas, LLC, ("Citigas") an affiliate pursuant to 278.010(18), using the New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX") Natural Gas 12-Month strip rate for September 2016.

3. Citipower's notice sets out no Refund Adjustment.

4. Citipower's notice sets out a current quarter Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") of (\$.0896) per Mcf. Citipower failed to use the previously approved Previous Quarter Reported Actual Adjustment of \$.2077 per Mcf in the calculation of its total ACA. Citipower's corrected total ACA is (\$.0458) per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.0388 per Mcf from its previous total ACA of (\$.0070) per Mcf.

5. Citipower's notice sets out a current quarter Balance Adjustment ("BA") of (\$.0196) per Mcf. Citipower did not include the reconciliation of the expired \$.3890 per Mcf AA and (\$.0087) per Mcf current BA factors previously approved in Case No. 2015-00177² in the calculation of its current quarter BA. Both the expired \$.3890 per Mcf previous quarter AA as well as the expired (\$.0087) per Mcf previous quarter BA should be used in the current quarter BA calculation. Citipower's corrected current quarter BA is \$.0492 per Mcf. Citipower's corrected total BA is \$.0150 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.1114 per Mcf from its previous total BA of \$.1264 per Mcf.

6. Citipower's corrected GCR rate is \$4.0860 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.3340 per Mcf from the previous GCR rate of \$3.7520 per Mcf.

7. To aid in the Commission's review of Citipower's applications, Citipower should continue to submit all invoices it receives from Citigas and Citizens Gas when it files its GCR rate applications.

² Case No. 2015-00177, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Citipower, LLC.* (Ky. PSC June 17, 2015).

8. The rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for service rendered by Citipower on and after October 1, 2016.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Citipower are denied.

2. The rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered by Citipower on and after October 1, 2016.

3. Citipower shall submit all invoices received from Citigas and Citizens Gas as part of all future GCR filings.

4. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Citipower shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

By the Commission

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ATTEST:

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2016-00318 DATED SEP 2 3 2016

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Citipower, LLC. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

	Gas Cost Recovery			
	Base Rate	Rate	<u>Total</u>	
Volumetric Rate	\$7.6492	\$4.0860	\$11.7352	

The volumetric rate will apply to all Mcfs sold, subject to a minimum bill of \$5.00. In those cases where the usage applied to the volumetric rate results in an amount less than \$5.00, the customer will be charged the \$5.00 minimum.

INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL

		Gas Cost Recovery	
	Base Rate	Rate	' <u>Total</u>
Volumetric Rate	\$6.6492	\$4.0860	\$10.7352

The volumetric rate will apply to all Mcfs sold, subject to a minimum bill of \$5.00. In those cases where the usage applied to the volumetric rate results in an amount less than \$5.00, the customer will be charged the \$5.00 minimum.

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