

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF            | ) |            |
| COMMERCIAL PROPANE SERVICE, LLC      | ) | CASE NO.   |
| D/B/A BRIGHT'S PROPANE SERVICE, INC. | ) | 2017-00343 |
| FOR AN ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT   | ) |            |

ORDER

On December 6, 2017, Commercial Propane Service, LLC d/b/a Bright's Propane Service, Inc. ("Bright's Propane") filed an application for an adjustment of its rates for gas service pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, the regulation governing the Alternative Rate Filing for small utilities. On December 18, 2017, the Commission entered an Order establishing a procedural schedule for the present case. On December 22, 2017, Bright's Propane filed a Motion for Reconsideration, and requested the Commission to amend its December 18, 2017 Order to direct the issuance of a Commission Staff Report, and to reduce to one the number of required copies in paper medium that had to be filed with the Commission.

In Bright's Propane's Motion for Reconsideration, it first contends that 807 KAR 5:076 authorizes the Commission to direct Commission Staff to prepare a report containing Commission Staff's findings and recommendations regarding the rates that are the subject of an application for rate adjustment. Bright's Propane further asserts that the use of a Commission Staff Report avoids the need for extensive discovery.

According to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11(1), within 30 days of the date that an application is accepted for filing, the Commission shall enter an order advising the parties whether the Commission Staff will prepare a report on the application. The preparation of a Commission Staff report is discretionary. The Commission fully complied with the above regulation in the December 18, 2017 Order, when we stated that the Commission would not be issuing a Staff Report in this proceeding. Instead, the information needed to reach a decision in the case would be obtained from, *inter alia*, the application, Commission Staff's Requests for Information, and the record of any hearing that may be held.

Bright's Propane further argues that in order to reduce rate case expense, the December 18, 2017 Order should be amended to reduce the number of required copies to be filed with the Commission in paper medium from the original and six copies to one copy.

The Commission, having considered Bright's Propane's Motion for Reconsideration, denies in part and grants in part. The Commission finds no good cause to amend the December 18, 2017 Order to require Commission Staff to issue a Staff Report. However, the Commission does find that good cause exists to reduce the required copies in paper medium to be filed by Bright's Propane with the Commission to one. The remainder of the December 18, 2017 Order will remain in effect.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

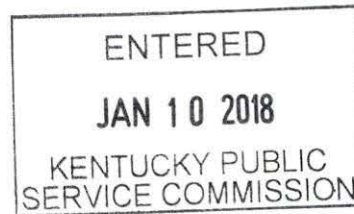
1. Bright's Propane's Motion for Reconsideration for the issuance of a Staff Report is denied.

2. Bright's Propane's Motion for Reconsideration to reduce the number of required copies in paper medium to be filed with the Commission to one is granted.

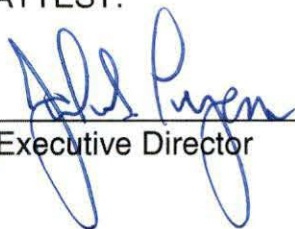
3. All other provisions of the Commission's December 18, 2017 Order that are not in conflict with this Order are still in place.

4. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission



ATTEST:

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Executive Director

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