

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF SENTRA CORPORATION)	2020-00323

ORDER

On October 1, 2020, Sentra Corporation (Sentra) filed its proposed Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate report to be effective November 1, 2020. Sentra's previous GCR rate was approved in Case No. 2020-00211.¹

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Sentra's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.
2. Sentra's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$4.4329 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.9923 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$3.4406 per Mcf.
3. Sentra's report sets out no supplier Refund Adjustment.
4. Sentra's report sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) of (\$.0266) per Mcf. Sentra's total AA is (\$.6283) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.5668 per Mcf from its previous total AA of (\$1.1951) per Mcf.
5. Sentra's report sets out a current quarter Balancing Adjustment (BA) of (\$.0560) per Mcf. Sentra's total BA is \$.0482 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.0653 per Mcf from its previous total BA of \$.1135 per Mcf.

¹ Case No. 2020-00211, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Sentra Corporation* (Ky. PSC July 24, 2020).

6. Sentra's GCR rate is \$3.8528 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.4938 per Mcf from its previous GCR rate of \$2.3590 per Mcf.

7. The rate set forth in Appendix A to this Order is fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved for service rendered by Sentra on and after November 1, 2020.

8. For the purpose of transparency and to maintain a record of information for future use, the Commission finds that Sentra should continue to submit all invoices it receives, monthly usage reports, and provide the calculations used to justify the NYMEX rate per Dth and the Greystone Adder when it files its future GCR rate reports.

9. Sentra's AA calculation was modified in Case No. 2020-00211 to include the collection of the transportation fee charged to Sentra from Clay Gas Utility District (Clay Gas).² The GCR allows Sentra to recover pipeline transportation cost as part of the GCR report. The transportation fee has been included in previous calculations of Sentra's EGC but was omitted from Sentra's current quarter AA's. Along with its GCR rate report, Sentra provided copies of its invoices verifying the cost paid for its natural gas and for the transportation fee. It appears likely that the omission of the transportation fee in the AA caused the actual total cost of gas to be under reported resulting in an under-collection for Sentra for a period of years. Additionally, the quarters used to calculate the current quarter BA also resulted in an additional under collection for Sentra. The Commission finds that it will continue to review the possible under collections in Sentra's next GCR report filing.

10. Should Sentra purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports, then the supplier, cost, and amount must be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

² Case No. 2020-00211, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Sentra Corporation* Sentra's Transportation Fee Correction Letter (filed June 29, 2020).

11. The Commission finds that Sentra should file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the February 2021 billing cycle.

a. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,³ issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, Sentra SHALL NOT FILE the original paper copy of all requested information at this time, but rather shall file original paper copies within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

b. 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 an 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. Sentra shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

³ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

d. For any request to which Sentra fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Sentra shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

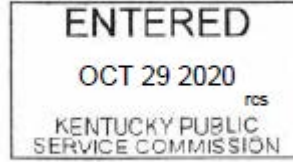
e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. When filing a paper containing personal information Sentra shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rate proposed by Sentra is denied.
2. The rate set forth in Appendix A to this Order is approved for service rendered on and after November 1, 2020.
3. Sentra shall submit all information noted in finding paragraph 8 as part of all future GCR filings.
4. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, Sentra shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rate approved herein and reflecting that it was approved pursuant to this Order.
5. Sentra shall file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the February 2021 billing cycle.
6. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission



ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

Case No. 2020-00323

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00323 DATED OCT 29 2020

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

Gas Cost Recovery rate

The Gas Cost Recovery rate shall be \$3.8528 per Mcf for service rendered on and after November 1, 2020.

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00323 DATED OCT 29 2020

1. Provide a customer billing history report for a random Sentra residential customer for each of the months from January 2017 through October 2020. Redact any personal information from the report, such as customer name, customer address, and any additional identifiable information. The report should be sure to include the monthly usage, the rates billed, and the meter reading dates. The report should also be sure to include each GCR rate billed.

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