

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF DUKE ENERGY)	2021-00395
KENTUCKY, INC.)	

ORDER

On October 29, 2021, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed in accordance with its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) Tariff its GCA report and a proposed GCA rate to be effective December 1, 2021. Duke Kentucky's previous GCA rate was approved in Case No. 2021-00288.¹

The Commission's standard of review for GCR rates is well settled as stated in KRS 278.274(1):

In determining whether proposed natural gas utility rates are just and reasonable, the commission shall review the utility's gas purchasing practices. The commission may disallow any costs or rates which are deemed to result from imprudent purchasing practices on the part of the utility.

Further, the utility has the burden to prove the rates are just and reasonable and the Commission may reduce the purchased gas component of the utility's rates or the rates charged by and affiliated company to the extent the amount is deemed to be unjust or unreasonable.²

¹ Case No. 2021-00288, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC Aug. 17, 2021).

² KRS 278.274(2); KRS 278.274(3)(c), and KRS 278.274(3)(d).

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

1. Duke Kentucky's GCA report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected changes in gas costs.

2. Duke Kentucky's GCA reports sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$7.198 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.985 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$5.213 per Mcf.

3. Duke Kentucky's GCA report sets out no current quarter supplier Refund Adjustment (RA).

4. Duke Kentucky's GCA report sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) of \$0.205 per Mcf. Duke Kentucky's total AA is \$0.082 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.115 per Mcf from its previous total AA of (\$0.033) per Mcf.

5. Duke Kentucky's GCA report sets out a current quarter Balance Adjustment (BA) of (\$0.012) per Mcf. Duke Kentucky's total BA is (\$0.013) per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.014 per Mcf from its previous total BA of \$0.001 per Mcf.

6. Duke Kentucky's GCA is \$7.267 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$2.086 per Mcf from its previous GCA of \$5.181 per Mcf.

7. Duke Kentucky's application sets out a Gas Cost Adjustment Transition (GCAT) Rider rate of \$0.0069 per 100 cubic feet. This GCAT rate will be applicable to customers who begin receiving the Rate FT-L transportation service after the effective date of this Order and who paid gas supply costs through the GCA during the 12 months before they began receiving FT-L service.

8. The rates as proposed by Duke Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just and reasonable and should be approved for final meter reading by Duke Kentucky on and after December 1, 2021.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Duke Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for final meter readings on and after December 1, 2021.

2. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, Duke Kentucky 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.

3. Duke Kentucky shall continue to file an electronic version of its GCA report containing the supporting calculations used to compute the GCA in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and row unprotected and fully accessible as ordered in Case No. 2018-00143.³

4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

³ Case No. 2018-00143, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC May 23, 2018).

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:


Executive Director

Case No. 2021-00395

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2021-00395 DATED NOV 23 2021

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. 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 SERVICE RATES

RATE RS
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	<u>Base</u> <u>Rate</u>		<u>Gas Cost</u> <u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Rate</u>
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$0.46920	plus	\$0.72670	\$1.19590

RATE GS
GENERAL SERVICE

	<u>Base</u> <u>Rate</u>		<u>Gas Cost</u> <u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Rate</u>
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$0.29243	plus	\$0.72670	\$1.01913

RATE GCAT
GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TRANSITION RIDER

The amount of this charge or (credit) shall be \$0.0069 per 100 cubic feet. This rate shall be in effect during the month of December 2021 through February 2022 and shall be updated quarterly, concurrent with the Company's GCA filings.

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