### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT	)	CASE NO.
FILING OF WESTERN LEWIS-RECTORVILLE	)	2025-00367
WATER AND GAS DISTRICT	)	

#### ORDER

On December 1, 2025, Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District, (Western-Lewis-Rectorville District) filed its proposed Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate report to be effective January 1, 2026. Western-Lewis-Rectorville District's previous GCR rate was approved in Case No. 2025-00283.<sup>1</sup>

# **LEGAL STANDARD**

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 an affiliated company to the extent the amount is deemed to be unjust or unreasonable.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2025-00283, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District* (Ky. PSC Sept 30, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> KRS 278.274(2); KRS 278.274(3)(c); and KRS 278.274(3)(d).

### **DISCUSSION**

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers an expected change in gas costs. Western Lewis Rectorville-District's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$5.8094 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.4095 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$5.3999 per Mcf. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report sets out no Refund Adjustment. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report sets out a current quarter Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) of (\$0.1958) per Mcf. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's total ACA is (\$3.2359) per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.1277 per Mcf from its previous total ACA of (\$3.1082) per Mcf. Western Lewis-Rectorville sets out no Balance Adjustment.

The Commission finds Western Lewis-Rectorville District's proposed GCR rate of \$2.5735 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.2818 per Mcf from its previous GCR rate of \$2.2917 per Mcf, to be reasonable. The Commission finds that the inputs, resulting components and calculation of Western Lewis-Rectorville District's proposed GCR rate of \$2.5735 per Mcf to be reasonable. The Commission further finds that the rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just and reasonable and should be approved for service rendered by Western Lewis-Rectorville District's on and after January 1, 2026.

For the purpose of transparency and to maintain a record of information for future use, the Commission finds Western Lewis-Rectorville District should submit all invoices it receives along with its monthly usage reports for each month of the reporting period when it files its future GCR rate reports. Should Western Lewis-Rectorville District purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of

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any future GCR 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 Western Lewis-Rectorville District and set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered on and after January 1, 2026.
- Western Lewis-Rectorville District shall submit all invoices it receives along with its monthly usage reports for each month of the reporting period when it files its future GCR rate reports.
- 3. Should Western Lewis-Rectorville District purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports, then the supplier, cost, and amount shall be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.
- 4. Within 20 days of the date of service of this Order, Western Lewis-Rectorville District 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. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

**Executive Director** 

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## **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00367 DATED DEC 19 2025

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District. 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			
	Base Rate	Rate	<u>Total</u>	
All Mcf	\$1.5642	\$2.5735	\$4.1377	

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