COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CASE NO. 2005-00404

IN THE MATTER OF:

RONALD J. HALL

VS.

ANSWER

EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY

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Comes the Defendant, Equitable Gas Company, and for its answer to the complaint in the proceeding, respectfully states:

FIRST DEFENSE

1. Equitable Gas Company does not provide domestic service pursuant to KRS 278.485 and the Complainant's request for domestic gas service should have been to Equitable Production Company, an affiliate of Equitable Gas Company.

SECOND DEFENSE

2. Equitable Production Company has complied with the Complainant's request for domestic gas service.

THIRD DEFENSE

3. The Defendant, Equitable Gas Company, denies the allegations of the complaint to the extent that it alleges that Equitable Gas Company rather than Equitable Production

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COMPLAINANT

DEFENDANT

Company had a duty to provide domestic gas service to the Complainant pursuant to KRS 278.785.

WHEREFORE, the Defendant, Equitable Gas Company, prays that the complaint be dismissed.

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