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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE NO. 2005-00404

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

RONALD J. HALL

COMPLAINANT

VS.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE AN AMENDED LATE ANSWER

EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY

DEFENDANT

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Comes the Defendant, Equitable Gas Company, by counsel, and moves the Commission for leave to file an amended late answer. Counsel for the Defendant inadvertently stated in the first offense of the answer that Equitable Gas Company does not provide domestic gas service pursuant to KRS 278.485. In fact, Equitable Gas Company does provide such service but the request for domestic gas service in this case would properly have been made to Equitable Production Company, an affiliate of Equitable Gas Company. Equitable Production Company has now complied with the Complainant's request for domestic gas service. The misstatement

contained in the original answer was a result of counsel's misunderstanding as to the services provided by Equitable Gas Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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

FIRST DEFENSE

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 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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