COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INVESTIGATION OF NATURAL GAS RETAIL COMPETITION PROGRAMS

ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO. 2010-00146

ORDER

On April 19, 2010, the Commission, on its own motion, established this proceeding and set May 18, 2010 as the deadline for intervention. On July 29, 2010, Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively "Wal-Mart") petitioned the Commission for full intervention. The Commission has received no objections to Wal-Mart's request.

Wal-Mart states in support of its request that it was not aware of the case in time to request intervention by the established deadline. It further states that it is the only large commercial customer that has expressed an interest in intervening and that, as such, it will be able to assist the Commission by bringing a perspective to the case that may not otherwise be presented. Wal-Mart further states that it will accept the record and procedural schedule as it stands.

The Commission, having considered the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Wal-Mart's intervention is likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. We further find that Wal-Mart should be granted full rights of a party in this proceeding and should accept the procedural schedule as it now stands.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The motion of Wal-Mart to intervene is granted, and Wal-Mart shall accept the existing procedural schedule.
- 2. Wal-Mart shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders, filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order.
- 3. Should Wal-Mart file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, Wal-Mart shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

By the Commission

ENTERED

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Executive Director