

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF B & H GAS	)	CASE NO.
COMPANY, AND BUD RIFE, INDIVIDUALLY AND	)	2019-00055
AS AN OFFICER OF B & H GAS COMPANY	)	
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS 278.300	)	

ORDER

On March 10, 2019, B & H Gas Company (B & H) and Bud Rife (Mr. Rife) filed a motion requesting an extension of time from March 11, 2019, to March 18, 2019, to file the response to the Commission's February 27, 2019 Order initiating this proceeding. B & H and Mr. Rife also requested an extension of time from March 21, 2019, to March 28, 2019, to file the response to data requests submitted by Commission Staff and by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention. As a basis for the request, B & H and Mr. Rife explained that Mr. Rife has been unavailable to discuss these matters with his counsel due to health issues that required hospitalization and for which surgery will be scheduled.

Based upon the motion and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that B & H and Mr. Rife established good cause, and therefore the motion for an extension of time should be granted. The Commission further finds that the procedural schedule should be amended to allow sufficient time between the filing of the response to the initial data requests and the issuance of the second round of data requests.

The Commission notes that B & H reported in its most recent Annual Report that it has only two employees.<sup>1</sup> Because Mr. Rife has not been cleared to drive or to return the work, the Commission finds that B & H and Mr. Rife should file a written response no later than March 21, 2019, setting forth the employee or employees who will operate and maintain B & H in Mr. Rife's absence, their qualifications, and what duties they will assume.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The motion of B & H and Bud Rife for an extension of time to file their responses to the February 27, 2019 Order and to the initial data requests is granted.
2. On or before March 21, 2019, B & H and Mr. Rife shall file their written response to the allegations contained in the February 27, 2019 Order.
3. The amended procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
4. On or before March 21, 2019, B & H and Mr. Rife shall file a written response setting forth the employee or employees who will operate and maintain B & H in Mr. Rife's absence, their qualifications, and what duties they will assume.
5. All provisions of the February 27, 2019 Order that are not in conflict with the terms of this Order shall remain in effect.

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<sup>1</sup> *B & H Gas Company Annual Report for the Calendar Year Ending Dec. 31, 2017* (filed July 6, 2018) at 8.

By the Commission

ENTERED  
MAR 13 2019  
KENTUCKY PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

Case No. 2019-00055

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2019-00055 DATED **MAR 13 2019**

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted.....03/08/19

All initial requests for information to B & H and Bud Rife shall  
be filed no later than ..... 03/08/19

B & H and Bud Rife shall file responses to initial requests for  
information no later than..... 03/28/19

All supplemental requests for information to B & H and Bud Rife  
shall be filed no later than.....04/04/19

B & H and Bud Rife shall file responses to supplemental requests  
for information no later than.....04/17/19

Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1  
of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard,  
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination  
of witnesses of B & H and Bud Rife .....04/24/19

Post-Hearing Briefs, if any ..... To be scheduled

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