

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF JOHNSON)	
COUNTY GAS COMPANY, INC. AND BUD)	
RIFE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS AN OFFICER)	CASE NO.
OF JOHNSON COUNTY GAS COMPANY, INC.)	2019-00056
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF KRS 278.300, A)	
COMMISSION ORDER, AND A TARIFF)	

ORDER

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that this case should be reopened to address the outstanding civil penalties assessed against Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. (Johnson County) and Bud Rife (Mr. Rife).

On August 19, 2019, the Commission entered an Order assessing a civil penalty of \$7,500 against Mr. Rife; \$7,500 against Johnson County; and \$62,500 against Mr. Rife and Johnson County, jointly. Johnson County and Mr. Rife subsequently appealed the Commission Order to Franklin Circuit Court, where the matter has been held in abeyance pending the transfer of Johnson County to Navitas KY NG LLC (Navitas KY). In an Order entered in Case No. 2020-00396,¹ which approved the asset sale and transfer from Johnson County to Navitas, the Commission agreed to waive the civil penalties upon the closing of the asset sale and transfer. On May 11, 2021, Navitas KY, and Johnson County and Mr. Rife filed their respective notices in Case No. 2020-00396 that the transaction closed on April 30 2021.

¹ Case No. 2020-00396, *Electronic Application If Navitas KY NG, Johnson County Gas Company, and B & H Gas Company for Approval of Acquisition, Transfer of Ownership, and Control of Natural Gas Utility Systems* (Ky. PSC Apr. 30, 2021).

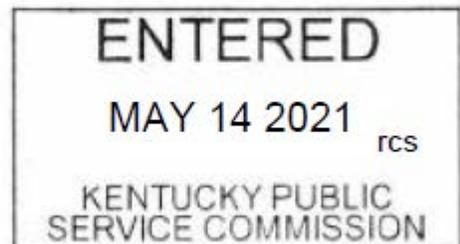
Based on the above, the Commission finds that Johnson County satisfied the Commission's Order in Case No. 2020-00396, and therefore the civil penalties assessed against Johnson County and Mr. Rife should be waived and this case closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This case is reopened to address the outstanding civil penalties assessed against Johnson County and Mr. Rife.
2. The civil penalties assessed against Johnson County and Mr. Rife in the Commission's August 19, 2019 Order in this proceeding are waived.
3. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

By the Commission

Vice Chairman Kent A. Chandler did not participate in the deliberations or decision concerning this case.



ATTEST:


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Case No. 2019-00056

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