

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF B & H GAS)	CASE NO.
COMPANY, INC. FOR AN ALTERNATIVE)	2020-00364
RATE ADJUSTMENT)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO B & H GAS COMPANY, INC.

B & H Gas Company, Inc. (B & H), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due on February 15, 2021. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,¹ issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, B & H SHALL NOT FILE the original paper copy of all requested information at this time, but rather shall file original paper copies within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

B & H shall make timely amendment to any prior response if B & H obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which B & H fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, B & H shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, B & H shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Application, ARF Form 1 – Attachment SAO-G, the Schedule of Adjusted Operations, page 2. Provide the current legal fees and estimated remaining fees for the processing of this case.

2. Refer to B & H's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Items 1(a). Annually for 2017 through 2019, provide B & H's meter testing expenses and number of meters tested.

3. Refer to B & H's response to Staff's First Request, Items 1(a) and 26. State which entity employs Jimmy Lawson and David Hunt and which affiliate agreement covers meter reading.

4. Refer to B & H's response to Staff's First Request, Item 1(b).

- a. State how often mapping services are performed.
- b. Provide the referenced Alchemy Engineering Associates, Inc. invoice.
- c. Explain why uncollectible accounts are not recorded on B & H's annual report.
- d. For calendar years 2017 through 2019, provide B & H's uncollectible accounts expense and the number of unpaid bills each year.

5. Refer to the response to Staff's First Request for Information, Item 4. B & H's Annual Reports for the years 2015 through 2018 all indicate average customer numbers of 258. In 2019, B & H's Annual Report sets out 250 average customers for the year. State whether it is correct that B & H lost eight customers, and if so, whether it expects the loss of eight customers to be permanent.

6. Refer to the response to Staff's First Request, Item 5. Confirm that B & H is receptive to guidance that a rate design consisting of a customer charge and a flat charge for all Mcf consumed is more straightforward and transparent for customers, as well as preferable to Staff and most frequently approved by the Commission for small Local Distribution Companies.

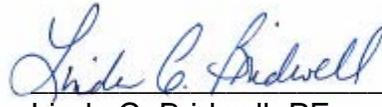
7. Refer to the response to Staff's First Request, Item 9. Provide corrections of all filing requirements necessitated by the classification of \$2,610.77 as Miscellaneous Revenues.

8. Refer to B & H's response to Staff's First Request, Items 19 and 20. Confirm that B & H does not have outstanding notes or bonds payable.

9. Refer to B & H's response to Staff's First Request, Item 23. Explain why shared expenses for 2020 are less than half of the 2019 amount.

10. Refer to B & H's response to Staff's First Request, Item 26, attached agreement between B & H and Bud Rife Construction Company, Inc. (Rife Construction), and KRS 278.2207, Section 1(b), which states, "Services and products provided to the utility by an affiliate shall be priced at the affiliate's fully distributed cost but in no event greater than market or in compliance with the utility's existing USDA, SEC, or FERC approved cost allocation methodology." Explain whether rental amounts charged to B & H from Rife Construction include the 10 percent markup included in the agreement. If so, provide the total rental amounts charged in 2019.

11. Provide a copy of a recent bill for a residential and a nonresidential customer, with the customers' personal information redacted.



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