

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 RATE)	2020-00364
ADJUSTMENT)	

ORDER

On March 23, 2021, B & H Gas Company, Inc. (B & H) filed a motion requesting to cancel the hearing in this matter scheduled for March 30, 2021. B & H also requested that the Commission adopt the rates of Johnson County Gas Company (Johnson County) as the approved rates for use by B & H, contingent upon the Commission approving the proposed transfer of B & H and Johnson County to Navitas KY NG, LLC in Case No. 2020-00396.¹ Finally, B & H requested that the Commission hold this case in abeyance pending the outcome of Case No. 2020-00396. B & H stated that, if the proposed transfer is not approved, then B & H will move to have this case return to an active docket and reschedule the hearing.

Commission regulation 807 KAR 5:076 provides that the Commission may, in its discretion, choose not to hold a public hearing on an application for an alternative rate filing if the circumstances of the particular case do not require such a public hearing. In the present matter, there are no intervenors and, in the March 23, 2021 motion, B & H proposed a rate schedule that is, among other things, dependent on the outcome of Case

¹ Case No. 2020-00396, *Electronic Application of 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* (filed Dec. 28, 2020).

No. 2020-00396. Based upon the foregoing and to avoid unnecessary costs and proceedings, the Commission determines that the public hearing previously scheduled for March 30, 2021 is not required at this time. The Commission reserves the right to reschedule the hearing depending on the final outcome of Case No. 2020-00396. The Commission further finds that this proceeding should be held in abeyance pending the final outcome of Case No. 2020-00396.

We note that any finding approving B & H to charge rates identical to those of Johnson County first requires a determination that B & H can support rates higher than or equal to Johnson County's rates. Based on the current record and preliminary calculations, it is reasonable to project that B & H can support rates that are somewhat higher than those of Johnson County. However, it is premature to make such a finding at this time, and thus we will defer a decision approving B & H rates until after Case No. 2020-00396 is concluded.

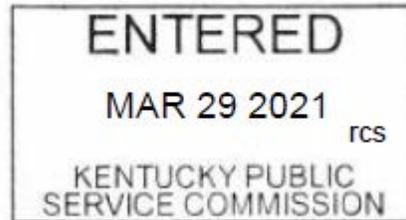
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. B & H's motion to cancel the March 30, 2021 hearing and adopt Johnson County's rates for use by B & H is granted in part and deferred in part.
2. B & H's request to cancel the March 30, 2021 hearing is granted.
3. B & H's request that the Commission adopt the rates of Johnson County as the approved rates for use by B & H is deferred until after Case No. 2020-00396 is concluded.
4. The formal hearing previously scheduled for March 30, 2021, at 9 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Commission's offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, is canceled.

5. This matter is held in abeyance pending a final decision in Case No. 2020-00396.

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By the Commission



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