

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS	)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF NATURAL ENERGY	)	2020-00374
UTILITY CORPORATION	)	

ORDER

On November 19, 2020, Natural Energy Utility Corporation (Natural Energy) filed its Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate report to become effective January 1, 2021. Natural Energy's previous GCR rate was approved in Case No. 2020-00293.<sup>1</sup>

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Natural Energy's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.
2. Natural Energy's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$3.2856 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.0517 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$3.2339 per Mcf.
3. Natural Energy's report sets out no Refund Adjustment.
4. Natural Energy's report sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) of \$.0614 per Mcf. Natural Energy's total AA is (\$.2183) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.0795 per Mcf from its previous total AA of (\$.2978) per Mcf.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00293, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Natural Energy Utility Corporation* (Ky. PSC Sept. 25, 2020).

5. Natural Energy's GCR is \$3.0673 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.1312 per Mcf from its previous GCR of \$2.9361 per Mcf.

6. The rates as proposed by Natural Energy and set forth in Appendix A to this Order are fair, just and reasonable and should be approved for final meter readings by Natural Energy on and after January 1, 2021.

7. Should Natural Energy purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports then the supplier, cost, and amount must be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

8. The Commission finds that Natural Energy should file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the April 2021 billing cycle.

a. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,<sup>2</sup> issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, Natural Energy 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.

b. 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

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Natural Energy shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which Natural Energy fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Natural Energy shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. Careful attention should 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.

f. When filing a paper containing personal information Natural Energy shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Natural Energy and set forth in Appendix A to this Order are approved for final meter readings on and after January 1, 2021.

2. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, Natural Energy shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised

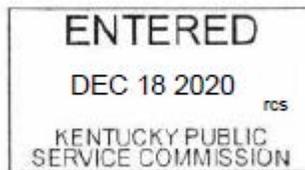
tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

3. Natural Energy shall file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the April 2021 billing cycle.

4. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

Case No. 2020-00374

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00374 DATED DEC 18 2020

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Natural Energy Utility Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES:

<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
All Mcf	\$4.2400	\$3.0673	\$7.3073

## APPENDIX B

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00374 DATED DEC 18 2020

1. Provide a customer billing history report for a random Natural Energy residential customer for each month in the 12-month reporting period ended December 2020. Redact any personal information from the report, such as customer name, customer address, and any additional identifiable information. The report should be sure to include the monthly usage, the rates billed, the meter reading dates, and the GCR rate billed.

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