

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF SENTRA CORPORATION)	2024-00073

ORDER

On March 28, 2024, Sentra Corporation (Sentra) filed its proposed Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate report to be effective May 1, 2024. Sentra's previous GCR rate was approved in Case No. 2023-00426.¹

LEGAL STANDARD

The Commission's standard of review for GCR rates is well settled as stated in KRS 278.274(1):

In determining whether proposed natural gas utility rates are just and reasonable, the commission shall review the utility's gas purchasing practices. The commission may disallow any costs or rates which are deemed to result from imprudent purchasing practices on the part of the utility.

Further, the utility has the burden to prove the rates are just and reasonable and the Commission may reduce the purchased gas component of the utility's rates or the rates charged by an affiliated company to the extent the amount is deemed to be unjust or unreasonable.²

¹ Case No. 2023-00426, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Sentra Corporation* (Ky. PSC Jan. 31, 2024).

² KRS 278.274(2); KRS 278.274(3)(c); and KRS 278.274(3)(d).

DISCUSSION

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Sentra's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs. Sentra's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$2.5274 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.2292 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$2.7566 per Mcf. Sentra's report sets out a Refund Adjustment (RA) of \$0.0000 per Mcf. Sentra's report sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) of (\$0.2560) per Mcf. Sentra's total AA is (\$0.5703) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.3711 per Mcf from its previous total AA of (\$0.9414) per Mcf. Sentra's report sets out a current quarter Balance Adjustment (BA) of \$0.0520 per Mcf. Sentra's total BA is \$0.0850 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.0505 per Mcf from its previous total BA of \$0.0345 per Mcf.

Based upon the calculations above, the Commission finds that Sentra's GCR rate is \$2.0421 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$0.1924 per Mcf from its previous GCR rate of \$1.8497 per Mcf. The Commission further finds that the rate set forth in Appendix to this Order is fair, just and reasonable and shall be approved for service rendered by Sentra on and after May 1, 2024.

For the purpose of transparency and to maintain a record of information for future use the Commission finds that Sentra shall continue to submit all invoices it receives, monthly usage reports, and provide the calculations used to justify the NYMEX rate per Dth and the Greystone Adder when it files its future GCR rate reports. Should Sentra 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rate proposed by Sentra and set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered on and after May 1, 2024.
2. Sentra shall submit all invoices it receives along with its monthly usage reports for each month of the reporting period when it files its future GCR rate reports.
3. Should Sentra purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports, then the supplier, cost, and amount shall be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.
4. Within 20 days of the date of service of this Order, Sentra shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rate approved herein and reflecting that it was approved pursuant to this Order.
5. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman



Vice Chairman



Commissioner

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00073 DATED APR 30 2024

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

Gas Cost Recovery rate

The Gas Cost Recovery rate shall be \$2.0421 per Mcf for service rendered on and after May 1, 2024.

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