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SUSPENSION DATE:

**CASE CODE** 

Investigation - Service

**UTILITIES:** 

Johnson County Gas Company, Inc.

**HEARINGS:** 

04/24/19 Formal Hearing

#### INDEX OF EVENTS:

05/14/21 Order Entered: 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.

12/02/19 Final Order Entered: This matter is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

11/15/19 Larry Cook Kentucky Attorney GeneralsOffice Notice of Withdrawal

08/19/19 Final Order Entered: 1. Bud Rife, as president of Johnson County, is assessed a penalty for his willful violation of KRS 278.300 in the amount of \$7,500. 2. Johnson County is assessed a penalty for its willful violation of KRS 278.300 in the amount of \$7,500. 3. Bud Rife, as president of Johnson County, and Johnson County are jointly assessed a penalty of \$62,500 for the willful violation of Johnson County's tariff and a

> Commission Order. 4. Bud Rife and Johnson County shall pay the assessed penalties of \$7,500 each within 14 days of the date of entry of this Order. Bud Rife and Johnson County shall pay the jointly assessed penalty of \$62,500 within 14 days of the date of entry of this

> Order. Payments shall be made by certified check or money order made payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" and shall be mailed or delivered to the Office of General Counsel, Kentucky Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602-0615. 5. Bud Rife and Johnson County shall file a quarterly GCA, as directed above, no later than September 1, 2019. 6. Upon payment of \$7,500 by Bud Rife, \$7,500 by Johnson County, and \$62,500 by Bud Rife and Johnson County, this case shall be closed and removed from the Commission's docket without further Order of the Commission.

06/20/19 Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company and Bud Rife Amended and Redacted Exhibit B to Response to Attorney Generals Post-Hearing Data Request

05/23/19 Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company and Bud Rife Responses to the Attorney Generals Post Hearing Data Requests

Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company and Bud Rife Responses to Staffs Post Hearing Data 05/23/19 Requests

Order Entered: 1. The motion of Johnson County and Bud Rife for an extension of time until May 23, 05/20/19 2019, to file responses to Post-Hearing Requests is granted. 2. Johnson County and Mr. Rife shall file responses to Post-Hearing Requests no later than May 23, 2019. 3. No further extensions of time to file any filings in this proceeding shall be granted.

Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. and Bud Rife Motion for Extension of Time 05/15/19

Notice of Filing Hearing Documents 05/06/19

LW Cook Office of the Attorney General Attorney Generals Post-Hearing Data Requests 04/26/19

04/26/19 Commission Staff's Post Hearing Request for Information to B&H Gas Company, Johnson County Gas Company, Inc., and Bud Rife

Order Entered: 1. Post-hearing data requests shall be filed in the record on or before Friday, April 26, 04/24/19

2019. 2. Responses to post-hearing data requests shall be filed in the record on or before Friday, May 17, 2019. 3. If the respondents, Bud Rife, B & H Gas Company, and Johnson County Gas Company, Inc., desire to file a brief such brief shall be filed on or before Friday, June 7, 2019. 4. The Office of Attorney General may if it desires, file a responsive brief on or before Friday, June 14, 2019. 5. If a brief is filed by the Office of the Attorney General, respondents may file a reply brief on or before Wednesday, June 19, 2019. 6. This case shall stand submitted for decision by the Commission

effective 12:01 a.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. and Bud Rife Responses to Attorney Generals 04/04/19

Initial Data Requests

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04/04/19	Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. and Bud Rife Corrected and Supplemental Responses to Staffs Initial Data Requests
04/01/19	Responses to Staffs Initial Data Requests Order Entered: 1. The motion of Johnson County and Mr. Rife for an extension of time is granted in part and denied in part. 2. The motion of Johnson County and Mr. Rife for an extension of time until April 4, 2019, to file supplemental responses to Staff's First Request is granted.  3. The motion of Johnson County and Mr. Rife for an extension of time until April 18, 2019, to file responses to the Attorney General's First Request is denied. 4. The motion of Johnson County and Mr. Rife for a continuation of the April 24, 2019 hearing is denied. 5. Johnson County and Mr. Rife shall file supplemental responses to Staff's First Request and responses to the Attorney General's First Request no later than April 4, 2019. 6. The provision in the March 13, 2019 procedural schedule for Johnson County and Mr. Rife to file responses to initial requests for information is amended to reflect the responses to initial requests for information shall be filed no later than April 4, 2019. 7. The provisions in the March 13, 2019 procedural schedule for filing supplemental requests to Johnson County and Mr.
	Rife no later than April 4, 2019, and for Johnson County and Mr. Rife to file responses to the supplemental requests no later than April 17, 2019, are stricken. 8. All provisions of the March 13, 2019 procedural schedule that are not in conflict with terms of this Order shall remain in effect. 9. No
	further extensions of time to respond to the initial requests for information shall be granted.
03/28/19	Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company and Bud Rife Motion for Extension of Time
03/27/19	Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. and Bud Rife Responses to Staffs First Data
	Requests
03/27/19	Order Entered: 1. Johnson County and Mr. Rife's joint motion to dismiss the issue of unauthorized promissory notes is denied. 2. Johnson County and Mr. Rife's joint motion to schedule an informal conference is denied.
03/22/19	LW Cook Office of the Attorney General Attorney Generals Response to Johnson County Gas Response to Commission Allegations
03/21/19	Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company and Bud Rife Response to Commissions March 13, 2019 Order
03/21/19	Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company and Bud Rife Response to Order of Commission initiating investigation
03/13/19	Order Entered: 1. The motion of Johnson County and Bud Rife for an extension of time to file their responses to the February 27, 2019 Order and to the initial data requests is granted. 2. On or before March 21, 2019, Johnson County and Mr. Rife shall file their written response to the allegations contained in the February 27, 2019 Order. 3. The amended procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed. 4. On or before March 21, 2019, Johnson County and Mr. Rife shall file a written
	response setting forth the employee or employees who will operate and maintain Johnson County in Mr. Rite's absence, their qualifications, and what duties they will assume.  5. All provisions of the February 27, 2019 Order that are not in conflict with the terms of this Order shall remain in effect.
03/10/19	Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. and Bud Rife Motion for Extension of Time
03/07/19	LW Cook Office of the Attorney General Attorney Generals Initial Data Requests
03/06/19	Commission Staff's First Request for Information to Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. and Bud Rife
03/04/19	Joe F. Childers Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. and Bud Rife Letter designating email addresses for electronic sevice
02/27/19	Order Entered: 1. Within ten days of the date of entry of this Order, Johnson County and Bud Rife shall submit to the Commission a written response to the allegations contained in this order. 2. Johnson County and Bud Rife shall appear in Hearing Room No. 1 of the Commission offices in Frankfort, Kentucky, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, on April 24, 2019, to show cause why they should not be subject to penalties pursuant to KRS 278.990 as described in finding paragraph 3 and 4 of this Order. 3. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing. 4. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted. 5. The record in Case No. 2018-00434 is incorporated by reference into this proceeding. 6. Any party filing a paper with the commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance
	with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, and shall also file the original in paper medium with the Commission. 7. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(10), within seven days of entry of this Order Johnson County and Bud Rife shall file a written statement with the Commission that:

a. Certifies that they possess the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and b. Sets forth the

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electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding should be served.

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