

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)
OF EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY) CASE NO. 6602-J Amended

O R D E R

On December 8, 1976, the Commission issued its Final Order in Case No. 6602, approving certain rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased or decreased.

On February 4, 1980, the Applicant, Equitable Gas Company, notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas was increased by its supplier, Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company, effective January 1, 1980, and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with this Commission's Order of December 8, 1976. The notice set out an increased cost of natural gas of its supplier in the amount of \$238,231.

On March 21, 1980, Equitable Gas Company filed an Amended Notice in Case No. 6602-J. The Amended Notice requested that the \$238,231 adjustment proposed in Case No. 6602-J to be effective February 23, 1980, be reduced to \$235,331 and be made effective February 23, 1980. The new increase per MCF would be 30.52¢ rather than the original 30.9¢.

The Amended Order was made necessary because the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in an Order dated February 27, 1980, disallowed Kentucky-West Virginia's rate, which was used by Equitable, which had a commodity charge of \$1.1978 plus \$0.0048 Gas Research Institute Funding (GRI), for a total of \$1.2026. In that Order Kentucky-West Virginia was directed to file a revised rate, which it did on March 6, 1980. The new rate has a commodity charge of \$1.1947 plus \$0.0048 GRI, for a total of \$1.1995.

After reviewing this evidence of record and being advised the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

1. That the Applicant's supplier, Texas Gas has filed revised tariff sheets reflecting increases in rates with the FERC and said increases will become effective February 23, 1980, and that this filing includes an adjustment for Gas Research Institute Funding.

2. That these revised tariffs result in increased rates to the Applicant and said increase will be made effective February 23, 1980.

3. That the adjustments in rates under the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 6602 dated, December 8, 1976, as set out in Appendix "A", and attached hereto and made a part hereof are fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be allowed to be effective with gas supplied on and after February 23, 1980.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates including the proposed Purchased Gas Adjustment sought by the Applicant be and the same are hereby approved to be effective with gas supplied on and after February 23, 1980, as set out in Appendix "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the purpose of the future application of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause of Applicant the Base Rate for purchased gas shall be:

Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company	<u>Commodity</u> 1.1995¢/dth
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the information furnished this Commission by the Applicant on March 21, 1980, constitutes full compliance with the Commission's Order in Case No. 6602 and any other information ordinarily required to be filed under the Commission's Rules is hereby waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order, Applicant shall file with this Commission its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of April, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION



For the Commission

ATTEST:

APPENDIX "A"

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 6602-J DATED APRIL 21, 1980.

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

RATES: Monthly

First	2 MCF	3.4033
Next	18 MCF	1.5167 per MCF
Next	30 MCF	1.4617 per MCF
Next	50 MCF	1.4117 per MCF
All Over	100 MCF	1.3617 per MCF

The minimum bill shall be \$1.80 which entitles the user to less than 2 MCF of natural gas per month.