

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE REQUEST OF EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY)
FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM 807 KAR 50:015)
(BUDGET BILLING))

CASE NO. 7760

O R D E R

On September 10, 1979, and again on January 16, 1980, the Commission notified Equitable Gas Company that it must comply with Commission Regulation 807 KAR 50:015 (11) by implementing a budget billing plan. Thereafter, by letter dated February 1, 1980, the Company requested a ninety (90) day extension of time to prepare and file a plan. The Commission decided to treat this letter as an application to deviate from the provisions of 807 KAR 50:015 (11).

The Commission, after consideration of the application and all evidence of record, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

(1) The Applicant serves approximately 4,300 customers (served under KRS 278.485) who would be eligible for any budget plan instituted by Applicant.

(2) The Applicant has not disconnected a customer for nonpayment of bills for over five (5) years and has been very flexible in its requirements for payment of bills.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Applicant is granted an extension of time until June 1, 1980, to file its plan for budget billing in compliance with 807 KAR 50:015 (11).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Company receives no notice from the Commission that said plan is disapproved, the Company shall make known to its customers the availability of its plan and place said plan in full operation no later than July 1, 1980.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the 16th day of May, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary

