

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF LOUISVILLE)
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY) CASE NO. 7904
MODIFYING GAS SERVICE)

O R D E R

On June 23, 1980, Louisville Gas and Electric Company (LG&E) filed its tariff wherein it proposed: (1) to amend its "Gas Service Restrictions" (LG&E original Sheets # 16, 17 & 18 issued 1/19/76) so as to permit the connection of new residential, commercial and industrial customers, as well as to increase the loads of existing customers, (2) to cancel the "Limited-Term Modification of Gas Service Restrictions" (LG&E-1st. Revised Sheets # 18A & 18B issued Oct. 18, 1979) which permitted connections to existing mains only, and (3) to revise its "Gas Main Extension Rules" (LG&E Original Sheets - 22, 23, and 24) to define the terms under which gas main extensions will be made. The proposed effective date was July 14, 1980.

In its order of July 8, 1980, the Commission suspended the proposed tariffs for a period of five (5) months on and after the 14th day of July, 1980, and directed LG&E to appear in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, on July 29, 1980, at 10:00 A.M. (EDT) to present testimony in support of its filing.

The Commission further ordered LG&E to publish once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in its service area the nature of the proposed tariff and the date, time and place of the hearing. Said notice was published in accordance with the Commission's order in the Louisville Courier-Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in LG&E's service area.

On July 29, 1980, the hearing was held as scheduled in the Commission's office at Frankfort, Kentucky. Intervenors were the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Protection and the Kentucky Department of Energy. W. B. Thurman, Senior Vice President of

Louisville Gas and Electric, testified on behalf of the company, and Greg Guess testified on behalf of the Kentucky Department of Energy.

The Commission, after considering all evidence of record and being fully advised, is of the opinion and finds:

1. That LG&E has shown that their gas supply outlook continues to improve, as stated by their supplier, Texas Gas Transmission Company.

2. That conservation on the part of existing customers, as well as attrition in the number of customers, has greatly contributed to LG&E's improved gas supply picture.

3. That applications pending for service from LG&E indicate that there is an increase in demand from new customers located on existing mains. Further, that LG&E could serve additional new customers if the proposed Gas Main Extension Rules were approved.

4. That the tariffs as filed by LG&E on June 23, 1980, with regard to "Gas Service Restrictions", "Limited-Term Modification of Gas Service Restrictions" and "Gas Main Extension Rules" should be approved, to become effective on and after the date of this Order.

5. That LG&E should submit the following status reports to the Commission:

- (a) Semi-annual reports of gas service requirements and semi-annual reports of available supplies from Texas Gas.
- (b) Any factors or events which would affect its ability to meet service requirements.

6. That, whereas, by its order of October 11, 1979, in Case No. 7586, LG&E was directed to require buildings constructed on or after LG&E's implementation of the tariff that was the subject of said proceedings to meet those energy conservation practices set out in the BOCA Code (Building Officials and Code Administrators-Basic Energy Conservation Code/1978). Said directive to LG&E should be reaffirmed in this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the tariffs as filed by LG&E on June 23, 1980, with regard to "Gas Service Restrictions", "Limited-Term Modification of Gas Service Restrictions" and "Gas Main Extension Rules" be and they are hereby approved, to become effective on and after the date of this Order.

(2) That LG&E shall submit the following status reports to the Commission:

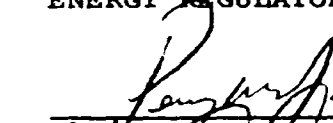
- (a) Semi-annual reports of Gas Service Requirements and semi-annual reports of available supplies from Texas Gas.
- (b) Any factors or events which would affect its ability to meet service requirements.


(3) That prior to initiation of gas service pursuant to the tariffs that were the subject of the proceedings in Case No. 7586, and prior to the initiation of gas service pursuant to the tariffs that are the subject of these proceedings, LG&E shall require all buildings constructed on or after October 11, 1979, (the effective date of said prior proceedings) to meet those energy conservation practices set forth in the BOCA Code.

(4) That LG&E shall file within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order its revised tariff consistent with the provisions herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of August, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST: