

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF A PURCHASED GAS)
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF WESTERN)
LEWIS-RECTORVILLE WATER AND) CASE NO. 6996-W
GAS DISTRICT)

O R D E R

On June 21, 1978, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 6996 approving certain adjustments in rates and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates when the wholesale cost of gas is increased, decreased or refunds are received.

On November 30, 1981, Western Lewis Rectorville Water and Gas District ("Western Lewis") filed its notice with the Commission seeking approval of a method to refund to its customers \$8,770 by credit on its billings. Western Lewis proposes to refund this amount to its customers over a three-month period in accordance with the refund provisions of Western-Lewis' purchased gas adjustment clause beginning on January 1, 1982, said adjustment being designed to pass on to its customers a reduction in the amount of \$.25 per Mcf and that said adjustment be eliminated when the full amount, plus interest has been returned to Western Lewis' customers.

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

1. Western Lewis has \$8,770 to be refunded to its customers.
2. A refund factor in the amount of \$.25 per Mcf be used as a reduction in the purchased gas adjustment.
3. The said refund should remain in effect for three months or until such time as the full amount, plus interest has been returned to its customers.
4. Western Lewis should refund the amount reported in its application, plus interest at a rate equal to the average of the "Three Month Commercial Paper Rate" for the immediately preceding 12 month-period less $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent to cover the costs of refunding. These monthly rates are reported in both the Federal Reserve Bulletin and the Federal Reserve Statistical Release.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Western Lewis apply a refund factor in the amount of \$.25 per Mcf of gas as a reduction in the approved purchased gas adjustment beginning with meter readings on and after January 1, 1982, and remain in effect until such time as necessary so that the refund will, as nearly as possible reflect the exact amount. The refund factor will terminate at such period of time that the refundable amount equals the refund herein reported, plus interest.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the information furnished this Commission by Western Lewis in this case constitutes full compliance with the Commission's Order in Case No. 6996, and any other

information ordinarily required to be filed under the Commission's Regulations is hereby waived.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 10th day of December, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin M. Vohz
For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary