

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT OF)
RATES OF DELTA NATURAL) CASE NO. 8256
GAS COMPANY, INC.)

O R D E R

On the 11th day of June 1981, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for gas service rendered on and after the 1st day of July 1981.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five months on and after the 1st day of July 1981.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this case be and it hereby is set for hearing on the 16th day of July 1981, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. shall at least 20 days prior to the date of hearing mail to each

customer a typewritten or printed notice of the proposed rates or charges setting forth the place, date and hour of the hearing. Alternatively, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. shall publish once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas served by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. a notice setting forth the place, date and hour of hearing and the proposed rates or charges as set forth in the Application. Said notice shall include the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. However, the Public Service Commission may, after evidentiary hearings, order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in an increase in rates for consumers other than those rates included in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. shall file on or before the date of hearing its testimony in verified prepared form.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter in the event the proceedings in this case shall be terminated by final Order and/or otherwise prior to the termination of the five month period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 11th day of June 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary