

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

EAST KENTUCKY UTILITIES, INC.)
DELINQUENT PURCHASED GAS)
ACCOUNT WITH KENTUCKY WEST) CASE NO. 9405
VIRGINIA GAS COMPANY)

O R D E R

On August 28, 1985, East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., filed a Motion to consolidate this case with Case No. 9236 stating that both cases cover the same subject matter including delinquent gas purchases which is the specific issue in this case. Also on August 28, Floyd County, Kentucky, submitted a similar motion. Case No. 9236 is a general rate case which has been before the Commission since December 1984. Hearings in that case were conducted in January and June of 1985 and the case has been submitted to the Commission for final determination. A hearing in this case was held on August 29, 1985. Kentucky-West Virginia Gas Company has orally advised the Commission that it would not cut off gas supply to East Kentucky Utilities pending further negotiations on a repayment plan and an expedited decision in this case.


The Commission is of the opinion and finds that the subject matter of this case is of such importance that it should remain separate and that the Motions to consolidate should be denied. The threatened cut-off of gas supply prior to the winter heating

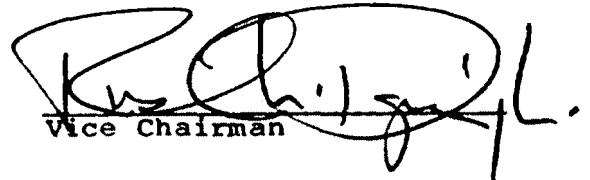
season should remain an utmost concern to management of East Kentucky Utilities and the Commission, and maintaining a separate docket should allow the Commission to keep abreast of management's action.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Motions of East Kentucky Utilities, Inc., and Floyd County, Kentucky, be and they hereby are denied.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of September, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary