

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED)
GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING OF) CASE NO. 8678-BB
WESTERN LEWIS-RECTORVILLE)
WATER AND GAS DISTRICT)

O R D E R

On March 1, 1983, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 8678 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 or decreased or a refund is received.

On August 6, 1986, Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District ("Western Lewis") notified the Commission that its wholesale cost of gas had been increased by its supplier, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation ("Transmission"), effective September 1, 1986, and submitted with its notice certain information in compliance with its purchased gas adjustment clause on file with this Commission.

After reviewing the record in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) Western Lewis' notice of August 6, 1986, set out certain revisions in rates which Western Lewis proposed to place

into effect, said rates being designed to pass on the wholesale increase in price from its supplier in the amount of \$3,935 or 6.76 cents per Mcf.

(2) Transmission filed revised rates with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to be effective September 1, 1986. These increased rates are subject to refund.

(3) A legislative change in KRS Chapter 278, effective July 15, 1986, requires 30-days notice of a change in rates, with the Commission having the discretion to shorten the required period to 20 days upon showing of good cause. Reductions in rates will, as always, be made effective with the date of the supplier decrease. Increases in rates will continue to be effective with 20-days notice providing that: 1) the effective date from the supplier is not more than 20 days in the future, in which case the actual effective date will be used, and 2) the company has included in its filing a specific request that a tariff sheet or some other notification from the supplier be considered a showing of good cause for 20-days notice. The Commission on its own motion will allow Western Lewis 20-days notice in this case.

(4) Western Lewis' adjustments in rates under the purchased gas adjustment provisions approved by the Commission in its Order in Case No. 8678, dated March 1, 1983, are fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be effective with gas supplied on and after September 1, 1986. Western Lewis' increase should be subject to refund because Transmission's is subject to refund.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

(1) The rates in the Appendix to this Order be and they hereby are authorized effective with gas supplied on and after September 1, 1986, subject to refund.

(2) Within 30 days of the date of this Order Western Lewis shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

(3) In future filings for rate increases, Western Lewis shall specifically request 20-days notice upon showing of good cause, as directed herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of August, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 8678-BB DATED 8/21/86

The following rates are prescribed for the customers served by Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Gas Division). All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

<u>Rates:</u>	Monthly	
First	1,000 cu. ft. or less	\$7.16 (Minimum Bill)
Next	4,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft.	5.0284
Next	5,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft.	4.9784
Over	10,000 cu. ft. per 1,000 cu. ft.	4.8784

The base rate for the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Gas Division) shall be:

	<u>Demand</u>	<u>Commodity</u>
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation	-	\$4.0398 per Dth