

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

GAS COST ADJUSTMENT) CASE NO. 9556-F
FILING OF) CASE NO. 9556-G
WESTERN KENTUCKY GAS COMPANY) CASE NO. 9556-H
) CASE NO. 9556-I

O R D E R

Western Kentucky Gas Company ("Western") filed petitions for confidentiality on April 1, 1988, Case No. 9556-F, In the Matter of Gas Cost Adjustment Filing of Western Kentucky Gas Company; June 30, 1988, Case No. 9556-G, In the Matter of Gas Cost Adjustment Filing of Western Kentucky Gas Company; October 3, 1988, Case No. 9556-H, In the Matter of Gas Cost Adjustment Filing of Western Kentucky Gas Company; and January 3, 1989, Case No. 9556-I, In the Matter of Gas Cost Adjustment Filing of Western Kentucky Gas Company.

Each petition is based on Western's contention that "increased gas costs and diminished throughput" could result if gas supply costs are publicly disclosed. Western also states that suppliers might offer gas at higher prices if all supply costs are public.

The Commission finds that Western has failed to quantify the alleged harm that might result from public disclosure. The petition fails to present evidence of "actual competition" and evidence of "substantial competitive injury" required of 807 KAR

5:001 §7(7). Western should provide a detailed analysis of the actual competitive harm to the company if all supplier costs are disclosed.

The Commission will keep the material filed with these petitions confidential for 60 days. Western may file additional supporting information within 20 days. Upon review of the additional information, the Commission will make a final determination on the propriety of confidential treatment.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the material filed with petitions in cases 9554-F, G, H, and I shall be held confidential for 60 days and that Western shall have 20 days to supplement its petitions.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of January, 1989.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director