

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF PHELPS GAS)
COMPANY, INC. TO ADJUST VOLUME)
USED BY EACH CUSTOMER BY THE)
AVERAGE AMBIENT TEMPERATURE AND)
INCREASE MILEAGE CHARGE TO COLLECT)
DELINQUENT BILLS)

CASE NO. 90-287

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Phelps Gas Company, Inc. ("Phelps") shall file the original and seven copies of the following information with the Commission no later than 10 days from the date of this Order, with a copy to all parties of record. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information requested herein has been provided along with the original application, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request. When applicable, the information requested herein should be provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations, separately.

If the information cannot be provided by this date, you should submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and include a date by which it will be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission.

1. Tabulate the high, low, and average monthly ambient temperature for 1989 in Floyd County or in a nearby county.

2. Provide the following information regarding Phelps' pipelines:

a. Length, diameter, material and depth buried underground.

b. Average temperature downstream of the master meter(s) for each month of 1989.

c. Average length, diameter, and material of the exposed service line from ground level to the customer's meter.

d. The average monthly consumption of Phelps' customers.

3. Provide any information available to Phelps regarding the soil temperature at the depth of Phelps' mains.

4. Provide a worksheet or any studies showing the relationship between the average ambient temperature and gas temperature at customer's meter.

5. In comparison form, quantify the revenue impact resulting from implementation of the proposed temperature adjustment. Show this calculation for the most recent 12 month period available.

6. With regard to the requested increase of 5.5 cents per mile to collect delinquent bills, provide the following:

a. Specific cost justification for the proposed rate and a full description of the equipment or service provided under tariff, e.g., 807 KAR 5:001, Section 6(2)(c).

b. A copy of the public notice of each requested rate revision and verification that it has been made pursuant to Section 8 of this regulation.

c. State whether a copy of this filing was submitted to the Attorney General's Utility and Rate Intervention Division.

d. A detailed statement explaining why the proposed change could not have been included in the most previous general rate case.

e. An impact statement identifying the group of customers affected by the proposed tariff revision. The impact statement should identify potential as well as existing customers.

f. A copy of the utility's income statement and balance sheet for a recent 12 month period, i.e., within 90 days.

g. If the additional revenue to be generated from the proposed tariff revision exceeds by 5 percent the total revenues provided by all miscellaneous and non-recurring charges for the same recent 12 month period, file an absorption test. The absorption test should show that the additional net income generated by the tariff filing will not result in an increase in the rate of returns (or other applicable valuation methods) to a level greater than that which was allowed in the most recent final rate case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of November, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director