

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS )  
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF EQUITABLE ) CASE NO. 92-326-F  
GAS COMPANY )

O R D E R

On April 12, 1993, in Case No. 92-326, the Commission approved certain adjusted rates for Equitable Gas Company, a division of Equitable Resources, Inc. ("Equitable"), and provided for their further adjustment on a quarterly basis in accordance with its gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause.

On July 1, 1994, Equitable filed its GCA to be effective August 1, 1994 through October 31, 1994.

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Equitable's notice proposed revised rates designed to pass on expected decreased wholesale gas costs to its customers. Equitable's proposed expected gas cost ("EGC") is \$4.3278 per Mcf, which includes a surcharge component of 80.54 cents per Mcf relating to the settlement of Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company Docket No. TQ 89-1-46-000, et al. before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

2. Equitable's notice set out a current quarter actual adjustment ("AA") of 17.01 cents per Mcf to recoup unrecovered gas

cost from February, March and April 1994. Equitable did not use the \$5.1217 EGC rate in effect for February in its calculation. Correcting for this error results in a current AA of 8.95 cents per Mcf. Equitable's corrected total AA of 36.28 cents per Mcf reflects the current under-recovery as well as over- and under-recoveries from previous quarters.

3. Equitable's notice set out a current quarter balancing adjustment ("BA") of .01 cent per Mcf to reconcile variances from previous actual, refund, and balance adjustments. Equitable failed to include its current BA in the calculation of the total BA. Equitable's corrected total BA is 2.50 cents per Mcf.

4. These adjustments produce a gas cost recovery ("GCR") rate of \$4.7156 per Mcf, 93.80 cents per Mcf less than its prior GCR rate.

5. The revised rate adjustment in the Appendix to this Order is fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be effective for final meter readings on and after August 1, 1994.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. The rates proposed by Equitable be and they hereby are denied.

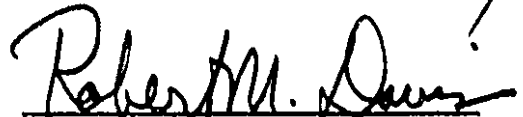
2. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and are effective for final meter readings on and after August 1, 1994.

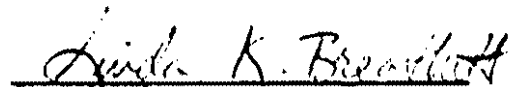
3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Equitable shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of July, 1994.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 92-326-F DATED July 20, 1994

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Equitable Gas Company. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

Customer Charge				\$4.45
		<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>
First	2 Mcf	\$1.0399	\$4.7156	\$5.7555 per Mcf
Next	18 Mcf	.8178	4.7156	5.5334 per Mcf
Next	30 Mcf	.7179	4.7156	5.4335 per Mcf
Next	50 Mcf	.6290	4.7156	5.3446 per Mcf
All Over	100 Mcf	.5513	4.7156	5.2669 per Mcf

The minimum bill shall be \$4.45.

The above rates include recovery of a Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company surcharge of 61.4 cents per Dth pursuant to the settlement of Docket No. TQ 89-1-46, et. al. before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.