

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

A FORMAL REVIEW OF WESTERN KENTUCKY)
GAS COMPANY S DECISION TO TERMINATE A)
NATURAL GAS SALES, TRANSPORTATION AND)
STORAGE AGREEMENT WITH NORAM ENERGY) CASE NO. 99-447
AND ENTER INTO A NATURAL GAS SALES,)
TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE AGREEMENT)
WITH WOODWARD WARKETING, L.L.C.)

O R D E R

On December 9, 1999, Western Kentucky Gas Company (Western) submitted a request for an extension of time, from December 13, 1999 to December 23, 1999, in which to file its response to the Commission's Order in this proceeding issued November 23, 1999. Western cites the time and effort involved in: (1) preparing for a rate hearing in Case No. 99-070¹; (2) the settlement negotiations in that case; and (3) preparing responses to Orders related to the Joint Stipulation and Settlement submitted in that case as its reasons for being unable to prepare the information necessary to adequately respond by the December 13, 1999 due date. Western requests an extension until December 23, 1999 in which to file its response, although it states that it believes it can respond prior to that date and will make every effort to do so.

¹ Case No. 99-070, The Application of Western Kentucky Gas Company for an Adjustment of rates.

The Commission has carefully considered Western's request and is well aware of the recent activities involving Western's pending rate case, Case No. 99-070. Therefore, the Commission finds that an extension is reasonable; however, it cannot grant the specific extension requested by Western because the Commission will be closed on December 23, 1999 due to the Christmas holidays. The Commission will be open on December 27, 1999, and we find no compelling reason not to allow an extension until that date. Such extension will, of course, require modifying the procedural schedule established for this case. The modified procedural schedule is set out in the appendix to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Western's request for an extension of time until December 23, 1999, in which to respond to the Commission Order of November 23, 1999 is denied.
2. Western shall be granted an extension until December 27, 1999, in which to file its response to the Commission's Order of November 23, 1999.
3. The procedural schedule for this case shall be modified as set forth in the Appendix to this Order, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of December, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO THE ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 99-447 DATED DECEMBER 13, 1999

Western shall file responses to the initial request
for information with the Commission no later than 12/27/99

Additional data requests for information
to Western shall be filed no later than 01/14/00

Western shall file responses to the additional requests
for information with the Commission no later than 01/28/00

Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed with the
Commission in verified prepared form no later than 02/14/00

All requests for information to
Intervenors shall be filed no later than. 02/28/00

Intervenors shall file with the Commission
responses to requests for information no later than 03/14/00

Additional procedural dates will be established by future Order of the Commission.