

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS )  
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF MARTIN ) CASE NO. 90-402-AF  
GAS, INC. )

ORDER

On September 30, 1991, in Case No. 90-402, the Commission approved certain adjusted rates for Martin Gas, Inc. ("Martin") and provided for their further adjustment when the wholesale cost of gas changes or a refund is received.

On April 20, 2000, Martin filed for approval to pass its decreased wholesale gas cost from its suppliers, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") and Clean Gas, to its customers effective May 1, 1999.

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

1. Martin's notice proposed rates designed to pass on to its customers Columbia's revised Intrastate Utility Service ("IUS") rate, as well as its rate from Clean Gas. It also proposed to include in its gas cost rates from Alliance Energy and Equitable Energy.

2. The IUS rate of \$5.1494 per Mcf was approved effective March 1, 2000.<sup>1</sup> Rates for Clean Gas are \$3.50 per Mcf for the Hall Funeral Home delivery point and the Wright's Lumber delivery point. The rate from Clean Gas appears to be a fixed rate of \$3.50 per Mcf. The Alliance Energy rate is \$4.37 per Mcf, and the Equitable Energy rate is \$4.77 per Mcf. Martin has entered into new arrangements for its gas supply, and should file a copy of its new or modified contract provisions as soon as possible. The decrease in supplier rates results in a 7.53 cents per Mcf decrease for Martin.

3. The rate adjustment in the Appendix to this Order is fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be effective with gas supplied on and after March 1, 2000 instead of May 1, 2000. Martin should file with the Commission a refund plan to return to its customers the over-recovery in gas cost since March 1, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and are approved effective for gas supplied on and after March 1, 2000.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Martin shall file with this Commission its plan to refund over-recoveries of gas cost occurring since March 1, 2000, to its customers.

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

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 94-179-U, Notice of Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., Order dated February 25, 2000.

4. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Martin shall file any new or modified gas supply contract provisions with the Commission.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy W<sup>m</sup> H. Fowler  
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 90-402-AF DATED MAY 18, 2000

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Martin Gas, Inc. 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 effective date of this Order.

RATES: Monthly

All Over 1 Mcf	\$8.1862
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Minimum Bill

The minimum bill shall be	\$8.3030
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The base rate for the future application of the purchased gas adjustment clause of Martin Gas, Inc. shall be:

Commodity

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.	\$5.1494
Clean Gas #1	3.50
Clean Gas #2	3.50
Alliance Energy	4.37
Equitable Energy	4.77