

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF AMERICAN NATURAL)
GAS CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL TO) CASE NO. 2001-369
ADJUST ITS MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES)

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO
AMERICAN NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

American Natural Gas Corporation (American), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and 8 copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due 10 days from the date of this request. 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 person 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 herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Refer to the nonrecurring charge cost justification for the return check fee proposed by American in its application filed November 1, 2001.

a. Provide a detailed breakdown of the process performed by the clerical employee in processing a returned check that supports the 1.5 hours shown.

b. Explain the reason the utility rounded up from \$22.00 to \$25.00 rather than rounding down to \$20.00 or requesting the exact amount of \$22.00.

2. Refer to the nonrecurring charge cost justification for the collection charge proposed in American s application. The utility included a cost for a locking mechanism. A locking mechanism would not be used in cases where the customer paid the bill or established a payment plan.

a. Explain why American s proposed collection charge included a charge for the locking mechanism for all collections.

b. Provide the purchase price and useful life of a locking mechanism.

c. Provide a detailed breakdown of the labor functions performed by the clerical employee in processing a collection charge that supports the 1.0 hour shown.

d. Explain the rationale used in determining the distance of 28 miles for the average round trip to perform a collection. With your explanation provide all calculations necessary to support your conclusion.

3. Refer to the nonrecurring charge cost justification for the reconnection charge included with American s application.

a. Provide a narrative explanation of the process involved in the leak detection function performed as part of the reconnection process. Include in your explanation cost justification for the \$10.00 portion of the proposed \$50.00 reconnection charge.

b. Explain if leak detection is performed as part of every reconnection.

c. Provide a detailed breakdown of the labor functions performed by the clerical employee in processing a reconnection charge that supports the 1.0 hour shown.

4. Item 7 of American s response of November 21, 2001 to filing deficiencies noted by the Commission states that additional revenue generated by proposed changes will not exceed 5 percent of total revenues provided by miscellaneous and nonrecurring charges. Provide the percent increase in revenue provided by American s proposed miscellaneous and nonrecurring charges and the calculation used to arrive at the percent increase.



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cc: All Parties