

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF EQUITABLE)
GAS COMPANY) CASE NO. 2002-00096

O R D E R

On April 12, 1993, in Case No. 1992-00326, the Commission approved 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 Equitable s gas cost adjustment (GCA) clause.

On March 25, 2002, Equitable filed its proposed GCA to be effective May 1, 2002.

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

1. Equitable s notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected increase in wholesale gas costs. Equitable s expected gas cost (EGC) is \$5.1044 per Mcf, which is an increase of 15.10 cents per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$4.9534.

2. Equitable s notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment (AA) of 43.80 cents per Mcf to collect under-recovered gas cost from November and December 2001 and January 2002. Equitable s total AA is (23.63) cents per Mcf, which is \$1.0386 per Mcf less than the previous total AA.

3. Equitable's notice sets out a current quarter balancing adjustment (BA) of (.78) cent per Mcf. Equitable's total BA is (2.78) cents per Mcf, which is (.61) cent per Mcf less than the previous total BA.

4. Equitable's GCA is \$4.8403 per Mcf, 89.37 cents per Mcf less than its previous rate of \$5.7340.

5. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved for final meter readings by Equitable on and after May 1, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are approved for final meter readings on and after May 1, 2002.

2. Within 20 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

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of April, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00096 DATED April 18, 2002

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	\$4.8403	\$5.8802
Next	18 Mcf	.8178	4.8403	5.6581
Next	30 Mcf	.7179	4.8403	5.5582
Next	50 Mcf	.6290	4.8403	5.4693
All Over	100 Mcf	.5513	4.8403	5.3916

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.