

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF GAS COST RECOVERY)	
FILING OF GASCO DISTRIBUTION)	CASE NO. 2002-00279
SYSTEMS, INC.)	

O R D E R

On February 11, 1995, in Case No. 1994-00427, the Commission approved rates for Gasco Distribution Systems, Inc. (Gasco) and provided for their further adjustment on a quarterly basis in accordance with Gasco s gas cost adjustment (GCA) clause.

On July 22, 2002, Gasco filed its GCA to be effective August 1, 2002. Gasco requested a waiver of the 30-day notice in order to implement a rate decrease. As KRS 278.180(2) permits the Commission to shorten the required notice period for good cause, the Commission finds the utility s request should be granted.

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

1. Gasco's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Gasco's expected gas cost (EGC) is \$4.4427 per Mcf, a decrease of 44.3 cents per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$4.8857.
3. Gasco s notice sets out no current quarter refund adjustment.

4. Gasco's notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment (AA) of (39.62) cents per Mcf to return over-recovered gas costs from April 2001 through March 2002. Gasco's notice sets out a total AA of 76.93 cents per Mcf, which is \$2.2987 per Mcf less than the previous total AA.

5. Gasco's notice sets out no balance adjustment.

6. Gasco's GCA is \$5.2120 per Mcf, which is \$2.7417 per Mcf less than the previous rate of \$7.9537.

7. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved for service rendered by Gasco on and after August 1, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are approved for service rendered by Gasco on and after August 1, 2002.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Gasco shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of July, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00279 DATED JULY 24, 2002

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Gasco Distribution Systems, 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:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	Gas Cost Recovery <u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Residential	\$4.62	\$5.2120	\$9.8320
Commercial	\$3.62	\$5.2120	\$8.8320