

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF GAS COST ADJUSTMENT)	
FILING OF WESTERN LEWIS-)	CASE NO. 2002-00370
RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT)	

ORDER

On May 12, 1993, in Case No. 1992-00331, the Commission approved rates for Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Western Lewis) and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with Western Lewis s gas cost adjustment (GCA) clause.

On October 4, 2002, Western Lewis filed its proposed GCA to be effective November 1, 2002. Western Lewis requests a waiver of the 30-day notice period because it did not receive its expected gas rates from its supplier until after October 1, 2002. 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. Western Lewis s notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Western Lewis s proposed expected gas cost (EGC) is \$5.2729 per Mcf, which is 42.3 cents per Mcf more than the prior EGC of \$4.8499.
3. Western Lewis s notice sets out no refund adjustment.

4. Western Lewis's notice sets out no current quarter actual adjustment (AA). Western Lewis's notice sets out a total AA of (73.11) cents per Mcf, which represents an increase from the previous total AA as a result of the expiration of a prior quarter AA.

5. Western Lewis's notice sets out a current quarter balance adjustment (BA) of (25.01) cents per Mcf. Western Lewis's notice sets out a total BA of (6.38) cents per Mcf, which represents a decrease from the previous total BA.

6. These combined adjustments produce a gas cost recovery rate (GCR) of \$4.4780 per Mcf, which is \$1.3970 per Mcf more than the previous rate of \$3.0810.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for bills rendered on and after November 1, 2002.

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

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of October, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

