

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF) CASE NO.
AUXIER ROAD GAS COMPANY, INC.) 2002-00461

ORDER

On April 10, 1991, in Case Nos. 10288-D and 10288-E, the Commission approved the Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) Clause of Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc. (Auxier) allowing for the quarterly adjustment of its rates.

On December 5, 2002, Auxier filed its proposed GCA to be effective January 1, 2003. Auxier requests a waiver of the 30-day notice period in order to implement rates in a timely manner. As KRS 278.180(1) 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. Auxier's notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Auxier's Expected Gas Cost (EGC) is \$6.6699 per Mcf, 78.06 cents per Mcf more than the prior EGC of \$5.8893.
3. Auxier's notice sets out no current refund adjustment.
4. Auxier's notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment (AA) of (25.62) cents per Mcf. Auxier's notice includes a total AA of (56.92) cents per Mcf, a decrease of 22.52 cents per Mcf from the previous total AA.

5. Auxier's notice sets out a current quarter balance adjustment (BA) of (5.03) cents per Mcf. Auxier's notice sets out a total BA of (32.91) cents per Mcf, which is a decrease of 5.43 cents per Mcf from the previous total BA.

6. Auxier's gas cost recovery rate is \$5.7716 per Mcf, which is 50.11 cents more than the previous rate of \$5.2705 per Mcf.

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 Auxier on and after January 1, 2003.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are approved for service rendered on and after January 1, 2003.

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

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of December, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00461 DATED December 20, 2002

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Auxier Road Gas Company, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RATES:

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
First Mcf (Minimum Bill)	\$5.11	\$5.7716	\$ 10.8816
All Over 1 Mcf	\$4.2599	\$5.7716	\$ 10.0315