

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF GAS COST RECOVERY	)	CASE NO.
FILING OF SIGMA GAS CORPORATION	)	2002-00462

O R D E R

On October 27, 1998, in Case No. 1998-00244, the Commission approved rates for Sigma Gas Corporation ( Sigma ) and provided for their further adjustment on a quarterly basis in accordance with Sigma s gas cost adjustment ( GCA ) clause.

On December 5, 2002, Sigma filed its proposed GCA to be effective January 1, 2003. Sigma 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. Sigma s notice includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
2. Sigma s Expected Gas Cost ( EGC ) is \$7.009 per Mcf, 79.22 cents per Mcf more than the prior EGC of \$6.2168.
3. Sigma's notice sets out no current refund adjustment.

4. Sigma's notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment ( AA ) of (12.09) cents per Mcf. Sigma s notice includes a total AA of (77.42) cents per Mcf, which is a decrease of 7.94 cents per Mcf from the previous total AA.

5. Sigma s notice sets out a current quarter balance adjustment ( BA ) of (2.2) cents per Mcf. The total BA of (7.11) cents per Mcf represents a decrease of 2.6 cents per Mcf from the previous total BA.

6. Sigma's gas cost recovery rate is \$6.1637 per Mcf, which is 68.68 cents more than the previous rate of \$5.4769 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 bills rendered by Sigma 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 bills rendered on and after January 1, 2003.

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

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2002-00462 DATED December 20, 2002

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Sigma Gas Corporation. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
First Mcf (Minimum Bill)	\$6.25	\$6.1637	\$12.4137
All Over 1st Mcf	\$4.5522	\$6.1637	\$10.7159