

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF GAS COST ADJUSTMENT            )  
FILING OF WESTERN LEWIS-                    )  
RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT )    CASE NO. 2003-00156

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 May 8, 2003, Western Lewis filed its proposed GCA to be effective June 1, 2003. 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 May 1, 2003. As KRS 278.180 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 \$6.5431 per Mcf, which is 9.18 cents per Mcf more than the prior EGC of \$6.4513.
3. Western Lewis s notice sets out no refund adjustment.
4. Western Lewis s notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment ( AA ) of 25.76 cents per Mcf. Western Lewis s total AA is (33.87) cents per Mcf, which represents a 29.33 cent increase from the previous total AA.

5. Western Lewis's notice sets out a current quarter balance adjustment ( BA ) of .45 cent per Mcf. Western Lewis used the incorrect total cost difference to calculate its BA. Correcting for this produces a current quarter BA of (3.31) cents per Mcf. Western Lewis's total BA is (28.8) cents per Mcf, which represents a decrease of 22.85 cents from the previous total BA.

6. Western Lewis's gas cost recovery rate ( GCR ) is \$5.9164 per Mcf, which is 15.66 cents per Mcf more than the previous rate of \$5.7598.

7. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for the billing for services rendered by Western Lewis on and after June 1, 2003.

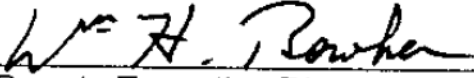
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for the billing for services rendered on and after June 1, 2003.
2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Western Lewis shall file with this associated with this transaction.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2003-00156 DATED May 23, 2003

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Western Lewis Rectorville Water and Gas District. 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.

#### RETAIL RATES:

Customer Charge	\$1.00 per month		
<u>Monthly usage</u>			
	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
First 1,000 cubic feet or less (Minimum Bill)	\$3.9883	\$5.9164	\$9.9047
Next 4,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.4565	5.9164	7.3729
Next 5,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.3970	5.9164	7.3134
Over 10,000 cubic feet per 1,000 cubic feet	1.2228	5.9164	7.1392