COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EQUITABLE PRODUCTION COMPANY, SUCCESSOR TO BLAZER ENERGY CORP., INC. AND SOUTHEASTERN GAS COMPANY TO ADJUST RATES

CASE NO. 2003-00317

<u>ORDER</u>

On September 11, 2003, Equitable Production Company (Equitable Production) filed an application to increase its rates to customers served under KRS 278.485. Equitable Production requested an effective date 60 days from the date of the filing. Therefore, the Commission finds that the earliest date that the rates may become effective is November 10, 2003, and that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

The proposed rates are hereby suspended for 5 months from November
2003 up to and including April 9, 2004. Nothing shall prevent the Commission from
issuing an Order prior to the end of the suspension.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order shall be followed in this proceeding.

3. All interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be appropriately indexed. Responses shall include the name of the individual responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

4. Service of any document or pleading shall be made in accordance with Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Section 3(7), and Kentucky Civil Rule 5.02.

5. All documents that the Commission requires any party to file with the Commission shall also be served upon all parties of record at or before the time of filing.

6. All parties shall respond to any interrogatories and requests for production of documents that Commission Staff submits in accordance with the procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A.

7. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of October, 2003.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Bowlen

Deputy

Executive Director

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APPENDIX A

AN APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2003-00317 DATED OCTOBER 13, 2003

Intervenors and Commission Staff may serve interrogatories and requests for production of documents upon Equitable Production no later than	10/21/2003
Equitable Production shall file with the Commission and serve upon all parties of record responses to interrogatories and requests for production of documents no later than	11/03/2003
Intervenors shall file with the Commission written comments no later than	11/14/2003
Equitable Production shall file with the Commission reply comments no later than	11/24/2003