

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF EQUITABLE GAS)	CASE NO. 2004-00255
COMPANY)	

FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO
EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY

Equitable Gas Company ("Equitable"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is requested to file with the Commission the original and five copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than 14 days from the date of this request. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request.

1. Equitable states that it developed its price by averaging the 12-month NYMEX strip beginning with August 2004 and adding a Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation ("TCO") basis of 27 cents.

a. Explain why Equitable believes it is appropriate to use an average of 12 months of data when the rates will be in effect for only three months.

b. Provide the calculation of the 27-cent adjustment for the TCO basis.

c. Equitable typically provides *Platts Inside FERC's Gas Market Report* with its gas cost adjustment ("GCA") application. Explain why Equitable did not provide FERC's report in this application.

2. Refer to Schedule 2.

a. Footnote (a) reports the VTS rate as \$.7251 per Dth. Explain why the VTS rate differs from Equitable's previous GCA filings.

b. Provide the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company ("Kentucky West") tariff sheet that supports the VTS rate.

c. Footnote (a) reports the retainage adjustment as 11 percent. Explain why the retainage percentage differs from Equitable's previous GCA filings.

d. Provide the Kentucky West tariff sheet that supports the 11 percent retainage rate.



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DATED June 25, 2004

cc: All Parties