#### 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 ) 2004-00491

### ORDER

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.<sup>1</sup>

On December 3, 2004, Sigma filed its proposed GCA to be effective January 1, 2005.

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 notice sets out an Expected Gas Cost ("EGC") of \$9.3610 per Mcf, \$1.4606 per Mcf more than the prior EGC of \$7.9004.
  - 3. Sigma's notice sets out no current refund adjustment.
- 4. Sigma's notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment ("AA") of (1.1) cent per Mcf. Sigma's notice includes a total AA of (26.82) cents per Mcf, which is an increase of 15.05 cents per Mcf from the previous total AA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 1998-00244, The Petition of Sigma Gas Corporation for Adjustment of Rates, Order dated October 27, 1998.

5. Sigma's notice sets out a current quarter balance adjustment ("BA") of

(1.5) cent per Mcf. The total BA of 1.31 cent per Mcf represents a decrease of .59 cent

per Mcf from the previous total BA.

6. Sigma's gas cost recovery rate is \$9.1059 per Mcf, which is \$1.6052 per

Mcf more than the previous rate of \$7.5007 per Mcf.

7. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and

should be approved for billing for service rendered by Sigma on and after January 2,

2005. Under KRS 278.180, Sigma failed to provide sufficient notice for the proposed

rates to become effective January 1, 2005.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are

approved for billing for service rendered on and after January 2, 2005.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Sigma shall file with this

Commission its revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

## **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2004-00491 DATED December 17, 2004

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.

	Base Rate	Gas Cost Recovery	Total
First Mcf (Minimum Bill)	\$6.25	\$9.1059	\$15.3559
All Over 1st Mcf	\$4.5522	\$9.1059	\$13.6581