

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF MIKE LITTLE )  
GAS COMPANY, INC., PHELPS GAS )  
COMPANY AND ELZIE NEELEY GAS )  
COMPANY FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM ) CASE NO. 7599  
807 KAR 50:015 (BUDGET BILLING )  
PLAN) )

O R D E R

On September 10, 1979, the Commission notified Mike Little Gas Company, Inc., Phelps Gas Company and Elzie Neeley Gas Company that they must comply with Commission Regulation 807 KAR 50:015 (11) by implementing a budget billing plan before the end of calendar year 1979. Thereafter, on October 8, 1979, the Companies filed an application for an exemption from the provisions of 807 KAR 50:015 (11).

By Order dated November, 1979, the Commission set the matter for hearing on the 18th day of December, 1979. The hearing, which was rescheduled for January 16, 1980, at the request of the Companies, was held in the Commission's office in Frankfort, Kentucky, with one intervenor, the Attorney General's Division of Consumer Protection, being present.

The Commission, after consideration of the application and all evidence of record, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

(1) Mike Little Gas Company, Inc., Phelps Gas Company and Elzie Neeley Gas Company serve approximately 599, 310 and 90 customers, respectively, all of whom would be eligible for any budget plan instituted.

(2) The Applicants have made and are continuing efforts to offer individually fashioned partial payment plans to customers experiencing hardships.

(3) The operating problems connected with the implementation of a budget plan could impair the Applicants' operations.

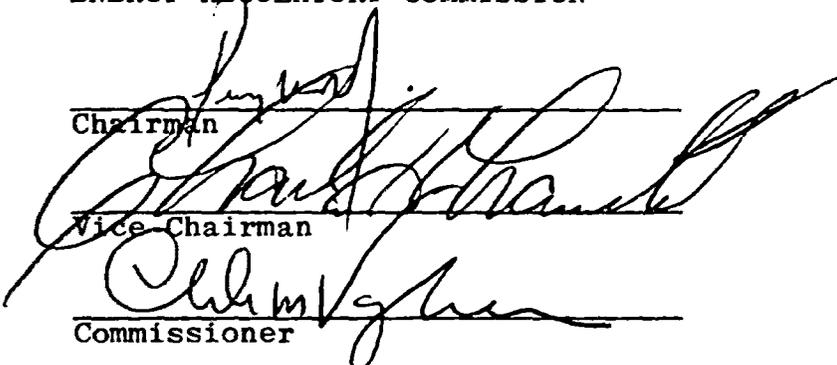
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that Mike Little Gas Company, Inc., Phelps Gas Company and Elzie Neeley Gas Company are hereby granted a one (1) year exemption, from the date of the application, or until October 8, 1980, to implement a budget billing plan.

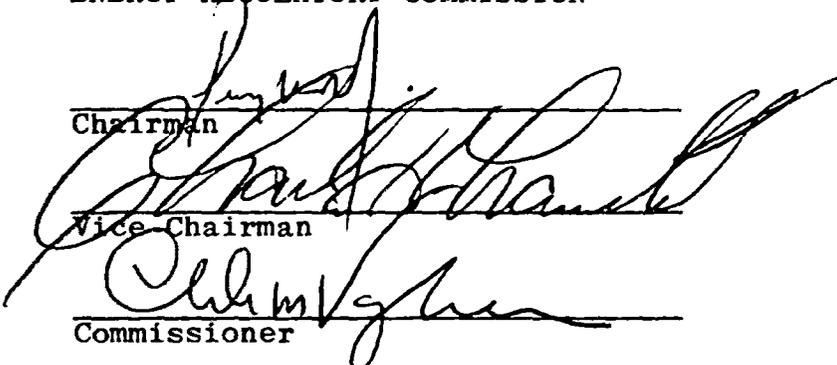
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Mike Little Gas Company, Inc., Phelps Gas Company and Elzie Neeley Gas Company shall file with this Commission no later than September 1, 1980, their plans for budget billing in compliance with 807 KAR 50:015 (11).

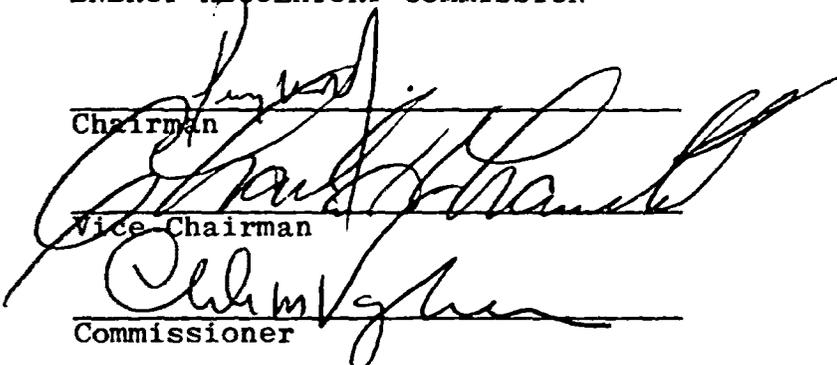
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that if the Applicants receive no notice from the Commission that said plans are disapproved, the Company shall make known to its customers the availability of their plans and place said plans in full operation no later than October 8, 1980.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice-Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary