

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

REQUEST OF RICHARDSVILLE GAS COMPANY,)	CASE NO.
INC. TO ABANDON FACILITY PURSUANT TO KRS)	2013-00234
278.021 SECTION 2(B))	

ORDER

On June 19, 2013, Richardsville Gas Company, Inc. ("Richardsville Gas") tendered a letter to the Commission requesting approval to abandon its utility facilities pursuant to KRS 278.021(2)(b). It asserted that it has been losing money and can no longer afford to operate.¹ It stated that its closest competitor, Atmos Energy Corporation, declined its overtures to take over its operations.² Richardsville Gas further detailed its proposed shut-down procedure and indicated that it intends to cease operating effective July 30, 2013.³

Richardsville Gas is a for-profit corporation organized pursuant to KRS Chapter 271B. It owns facilities that distribute natural gas to 48 customers in Warren County Kentucky.⁴ It is a utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and regulation.⁵

¹ Letter from Glenn Miller, President, Richardsville Gas Company, Inc. to Jeff Derouen, Executive Director, Kentucky Public Service Commission (June 14, 2013).

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ Annual Report of Richardsville Gas Company, Inc. to the Public Service Commission of Kentucky for the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2011 at 9.

⁵ KRS 278.010(3)(b); KRS 278.040.

KRS 278.020(5) provides that “[n]o utility shall acquire or transfer ownership of, or control, or the right to control, any utility under the jurisdiction of the commission by sale of assets, transfer of stock, or otherwise, or abandon the same, without prior approval by the commission.”

We find that an investigation in this matter should be conducted to examine Richlandville Gas’s request to abandon its facilities. We find that Richlandville Gas’s proposed shut-down date should be suspended pending approval from the Commission authorizing the abandonment pursuant to KRS 278.020(5). We further find that the Attorney General should be served with a copy of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Richlandville Gas’s proposed shut-down date of July 30, 2013 is suspended pending an investigation and final adjudication in this matter by the Commission.
2. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of this Order upon the Attorney General.

By the Commission

ENTERED 
JUL 15 2013
KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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