## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of:  |   |
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| ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF  | ) |
| COMMERCIAL PROPANE SERVICE, L<br>D/B/A BRIGHT'S PROPANE SERVICE, I | , |
| FOR AN ALTERNATIVE RATE ADJUSTMENT                                 | ) |

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE OF COMMERCIAL PROPANE SERVICE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DATED JANUARY 19, 2018

**FILED: April 10, 2018** 

#### **VERIFICATION**

| COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY                                       | )  |
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| COUNTY OF MARION   | ) SS:  |
| personal knowledge of the matters set forth                    | eing duly sworn, deposes and states that she is a has a in the responses for which she is identified as the are true and correct to the best of her information,   |
|  |  |
|  | Adrian Roberts   |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me, this Abd day of April 2018. | a Notary Public in and before said County and State,   |
|  | Dettin Compan (SEAL) Notary Public   |
|  | My Commission Express Bettina Cambron Notary Public, ID No. 564400   |
|  | Notary ID: State at Large, Kentucky State at Large at |

#### COMMERCIAL PROPANE SERVICE, LLC

# Supplemental Response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information January 19, 2018

Case No. 2017-00343

Question No. 6c

Witness: Adrian Roberts

- **Q-6c.** Refer to the Application, Tab 3, page 4. Provide the following information concerning the rate case expense for this case: Monthly updates of the actual costs incurred during the course of this proceeding, in the manner prescribed above.
- **A-6c.** Total rate case expenses incurred to date are: \$29,897.76. The table below lists the expenses by month. All of the expenses are related to legal expenses. None of these expenses were incurred in the test period. Invoices that were not previously provided are attached to this Response.

| Month          | Amount      |
|----------------|-------------|
| February 2017  | 768.00      |
| June 2017      | 32.00       |
| July 2017      | 162.50      |
| September 2017 | 4,198.00    |
| October 2017   | 2,256.50    |
| November 2017  | 1,987.00    |
| December 2017  | 5,500.00    |
| January 2018   | 2,701.70    |
| February 2018  | 903.00      |
| March 2018     | 11,389.06   |
| Total          | \$29,897.76 |

## **Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC**

2000 PNC Plaza 500 West Jefferson Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202-2828 502 333-6000 Tax ID # 61-0421389

Commercial Propane Service LLC Attn: Adrian Roberts, Office Manager 160 Sulphur Springs Road Lebanon, KY 40033 March 5, 2018 Invoice #: 874421 Account #: 118841/156293

#### Please return this page with your payment by April 4, 2018 to: Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC P.O. Box 11969 Lexington, KY 40579-1969

Re: 2017 Kentucky Rate Case

| Total Amount Due This Matter      | \$3,557.47  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance due on prior billings     | \$2,654.47  |
| Less payments on prior billings   | \$-2,701.70 |
| Balance as of February 6, 2018    | \$5,356.17  |
| Total Current Charges This Matter | \$ 903.00   |
| Less discount                     | \$-301.00   |
| Fees rendered this bill           | \$ 1,204.00 |

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Professional Services for the period through 02/28/18, including the following:

Re: 2017 Kentucky Rate Case

Our Reference: 118841/156293/WDC/2402

**TOTAL FEES & DISBURSEMENTS** 

| <u>Date</u>                      | <u>Description</u>  | <u>Tkpr</u>                        | <u>Hours</u>                               |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 02/01/18                         | Work re rate case strategy and DR responses.  |                                    | 0.60                                       |
| 02/02/18                         | Revise and file Response to PSC Staff's first request for information   | GEW                                | 0.50                                       |
| 02/16/18                         | Conference Call with D. Crosby and J. Mandlehr re: request for information & case status; emails to D. Crosby re: request for information | GEW                                | 0.50                                       |
| 02/16/18                         | Work re possible informal conference.   | WDC                                | 0.60                                       |
| 02/26/18                         | Telephone call to A. Roberts to provide update on case and discuss response to PSC Staff Second Request for Information                   | GEW                                | 0.30                                       |
| 02/27/18                         | Telephone Call from A. Goad (PSC Staff) re: scheduling of conference with PSC Staff   |                                    | 0.10                                       |
| 02/28/18                         | Meeting concerning procedural status of case; research regarding Kentucky/regional propane prices.  | JTM                                | 0.70                                       |
| 02/28/18                         | Conference with Messrs. Wuetcher and Mandlehr re case status and scheduling informal conference.  | WDC                                | 0.40                                       |
|                                  | Total Services  |                                    | \$1,204.00                                 |
| <u>Init</u><br>JTM<br>GEW<br>WDC | Summary of Services  Timekeeper Mandlehr, J T Wuetcher, G E Crosby III, W D  Summary of Services Hours 0.70 1.40                          | Rate<br>260.00<br>330.00<br>350.00 | <u>Value</u><br>182.00<br>462.00<br>560.00 |
|                                  | Total Services 3.70   |                                    | \$1,204.00                                 |

LESS DISCOUNT \$-301.00

Total Current Charges This Matter \$903.00

#### **Outstanding Invoices**

| <u>Date</u>   | Invoice No.               | Billed Amount | Payment/Credits | Balance Due |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 02/06/18      | 872490                    | \$ 2,654.47   | \$ 0.00         | \$ 2,654.47 |
| Total Outstan | ding Invoices This Matter |               |                 | \$2,654.47  |
| Total Amount  | Due This Matter           |               |                 | \$3,557.47  |

## **Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC**

2000 PNC Plaza 500 West Jefferson Street Louisville, Kentucky 40202-2828 502 333-6000 Tax ID # 61-0421389

Commercial Propane Service LLC Attn: Adrian Roberts, Office Manager 160 Sulphur Springs Road Lebanon, KY 40033 April 4, 2018 Invoice #: 876376 Account #: 118841/156293

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Re: 2017 Kentucky Rate Case

| Fees rendered this bill           | \$ 15,156.00 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Less discount                     | \$-3,789.00  |
| Disbursements                     | \$ 22.06     |
| Total Current Charges This Matter | \$ 11,389.06 |
|                                   |              |
| Balance as of March 5, 2018       | \$3,557.47   |
| Less payments on prior billings   | \$-2,654.47  |
| Balance due on prior billings     | \$903.00     |
| Total Amount Due This Matter      | \$12,292.06  |

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Professional Services for the period through 03/31/18, including the following:

Re: 2017 Kentucky Rate Case Our Reference: 118841/156293/WDC/2402

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u>   | <u>Tkpr</u> | <u>Hours</u> |
|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 03/01/18    | Prepare a motion for conference with commission staff; prepare a motion for extension of time to respond information request; review Company's response to second information request; email to client re: motions and response to information request | GEW         | 2.00         |
| 03/01/18    | Research re: propane prices in Kentucky and region; created charts comparing KY residential, KY wholesale, regional residential, and regional wholesale.   | JTM         | 2.30         |
| 03/02/18    | Revise/file Motion for Conference with Staff & Motion for Extension of Time  | GEW         | 0.30         |
| 03/06/18    | Prepare and send e-mails re: request for conference with PSC Staff   | GEW         | 0.30         |
| 03/08/18    | Research on alternative rate regulation proposal   | GEW         | 2.00         |
| 03/08/18    | Work to prepare for informal conference.   | WDC         | 0.50         |
| 03/09/18    | Work re alternative rate proposal for informal conference.   | WDC         | 1.80         |
| 03/12/18    | Review and edit alterative rate regulation proposal  | GEW         | 0.70         |
| 03/12/18    | Prepare response to 2d PSC Staff Request for Information   | GEW         | 0.70         |
| 03/12/18    | Edits to alternative-regulation proposal; call regarding proposal.   | JTM         | 1.50         |
| 03/12/18    | Work re alternative ratemaking proposal and preparation for informal conference.   | WDC         | 3.40         |
| 03/13/18    | Attend Conference with PSC Staff   | GEW         | 1.50         |
| 03/13/18    | Prepare for Conference with PSC Staff  | GEW         | 0.50         |
| 03/13/18    | Informal conference at KPSC; related travel; preparation for IC; meeting with client before IC.  | WDC         | 5.10         |
| 03/14/18    | Work re alternative rate proposal.   | WDC         | 0.70         |
| 03/15/18    | Prepare Response to PSC Staff 2d request for information   | GEW         | 1.60         |
| 03/16/18    | Prepare Response to PSC Staff 2d request for information   | GEW         | 8.00         |
| 03/16/18    | Work re DR responses and draft alternative rate proposal.  | WDC         | 2.50         |
| 03/19/18    | Work on alternative rate proposal filing.  | WDC         | 0.80         |
| 03/20/18    | Tariff revisions to incorporate alternative-regulation proposal.   | JTM         | 0.50         |
| 03/20/18    | Work on draft of offer of settlement to KPSC.  | WDC         | 1.20         |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Description</u>   | <u>Tkpr</u> | <u>Hours</u> |
|-------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 03/21/18    | Work re offer of settlement memorandum.  | WDC         | 0.90         |
| 03/26/18    | Drafted memo in support of offer of settlement.                                      | JTM         | 2.00         |
| 03/26/18    | Work re memo in support of offer of settlement.                                      | WDC         | 0.30         |
| 03/27/18    | Memo in support of offer of settlement; revisions to offer of settlement and tariff. | JTM         | 1.50         |
| 03/27/18    | Work re settlement offer and related documents; email to client re same.             | WDC         | 1.00         |
| 03/28/18    | Review of offer of settlement; supporting memorandum; and revised Tariff             | GEW         | 1.50         |
| 03/30/18    | Work on settlement filing.   | WDC         | 1.30         |
|             | Total Services   |             | \$15,156.00  |

|             |                   | Summary of Services |              |             |              |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| <u>Init</u> | <u>Timekeeper</u> |                     | <u>Hours</u> | <u>Rate</u> | <u>Value</u> |
| JTM         | Mandlehr, J T     |                     | 7.80         | 260.00      | 2,028.00     |
| GEW         | Wuetcher, G E     |                     | 19.10        | 330.00      | 6,303.00     |
| WDC         | Crosby III, W D   |                     | 19.50        | 350.00 _    | 6,825.00     |
|             |                   |                     |              |             |              |
|             | Total Services    |                     | 46.40        |             | \$15,156.00  |

#### Disbursements

| <u>Date</u>  | Description  | <u>Tkpr</u>                                   | <u>Amount</u>   |
|--|--|---|---|
| 01/16/18<br>01/22/18<br>03/09/18<br>03/09/18<br>03/12/18<br>03/12/18<br>03/16/18 | Conference Call Expense Conference Call Expense Telephone Expense 1(502)349-2575; 1 Mins. Telephone Expense 1(270)699-9437; 0 Mins. Telephone Expense 1(270)699-9437; 1 Mins. Telephone Expense 1(502)264-7633; 1 Mins. Telephone Expense 1(270)699-9437; 0 Mins. Telephone Expense 1(270)699-9437; 15 Mins. | WDC<br>WDC<br>WDC<br>WDC<br>WDC<br>WDC<br>WDC | \$8.33<br>\$11.63<br>\$0.10<br>\$0.10<br>\$0.10<br>\$0.10 |
| 03/16/18   | Telephone Expense 1(270)699-9437; 15 Mins.  Total Disbursements  |   | \$1.60<br><b>\$22.06</b>                                  |

**TOTAL FEES & DISBURSEMENTS** 

\$15,178.06

LESS DISCOUNT

\$-3,789.00

#### **Total Current Charges This Matter**

\$11,389.06

#### **Outstanding Invoices**

| <u>Date</u>                                     | Invoice No. | Billed Amount | Payment/Credits | Balance Due |
|---|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 03/05/18  | 874421      | \$ 903.00     | \$ 0.00         | \$ 903.00   |
| Total Outstanding Invoices This Matter \$903.00 |             |               |                 |             |
| Total Amount Due This Matter                    |             |               |                 | \$12,292.06 |