

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of:**

**Electronic Investigation of Johnson County Gas )  
Company, Inc. and Bud Rife, Individually and as an ) Case No. 2019-00056  
Officer of Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. )  
Alleged Violation of KRS 278.300 and its Tariff )**

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**RESPONSE TO COMMISSION'S MARCH 13, 2019 ORDER**

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Comes Johnson County Gas Company, Inc., and Bud Rife, Individually and as an Officer of Johnson County Gas Company, Inc. (“Respondents”), by counsel, and for their Response to the Commission’s March 13, 2019 Order, respectfully state as follows:

Bud Rife has suffered two heart attacks within the last 3 weeks. First, he was hospitalized from March 4 to March 7, 2019 and was again hospitalized from March 12 to March 14, 2019. As a result, the doctors have placed two stents in Mr. Rife for the purpose of increasing blood flow to the heart. He has been told that by placing the additional stent in his artery, which was found to be 90% blocked, he may be able to avoid bypass surgery. Mr. Rife has now been released to return to work on light duty.

Mr. Rife has returned to the office for light duty work, including assisting Suda Allen, office manager for the company. His present duties are limited to office work, billing, paying bills, and generally overseeing the day to day office activities. He has not been released to return to heavy lifting or operating heavy equipment.

In Mr. Rife's absence, his heavy lifting and heavy equipment operating duties have been assumed by Jimmy Lawson, an employee of Bud Rife Construction Company. Mr. Lawson is a long-time employee of the construction company and is very familiar with the pipelines and infrastructure of Johnson County Gas Company. Mr. Lawson is Operator Qualified (OQ) pursuant to DOT and PHMSA regulations regarding pipeline certifications.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that the foregoing copy of the Response to Commission's March 13, 2019 Order is a true and accurate copy of the document being filed in paper medium; the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on March 21, 2019; there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and the filing in paper medium is being delivered to the Commission via U.S. mail.



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