### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DELTA	)	
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR AN	)	CASE NO. 2024-00346
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES	)	011021(012021 00010

# **DELTA'S PROOF OF NOTICE FOR LINCOLN COUNTY CUSTOMERS**

Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") hereby submits its proof of publishing notice to the four customers it presently serves in Lincoln County, Kentucky. On January 9, 2025, the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") granted Delta's Motion for Approval to Deviate from Rule ("Motion") regarding the failure of the *The Interior Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation in Stanford, Lincoln County, Kentucky, to publish notice of Delta's rate application despite Delta's request to the Kentucky Press Association that it do so. The Commission's Order granted Delta's Motion subject to the condition that Delta mail customer notice to its customers accepting service in Lincoln County, Kentucky within fourteen days of service of the Order.

Attached as Exhibit 1 is an affidavit from John Brown, President of Delta, attesting that notice was mailed to the four customers Delta currently serves in Lincoln County, Kentucky. As set forth in the affidavit and accompanying United States Postal Service receipts, the four notices were mailed on January 10, 2025.

Dated: January 14, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

In accordance with the Commission's Order of July 22, 2021 in Case No. 2020-00085 (Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19), this is to certify that the electronic filing has been transmitted to the Commission on January 14, 2025; and that there are currently no parties in this proceeding that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means.

Many Ellen Wenberly
Counsel for Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.

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# LINCOLN COUNTY, KENTUCKY CUSTOMER NOTICE AFFIDAVIT

Comes John B. Brown, President of Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") and chief officer in charge of Kentucky operations, and as required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(3)(a), verifies that the notice of the filing of Delta's rate case, Case No. 2024-00346, was mailed to the four customers that Delta presently serves in Lincoln County, Kentucky on January 10, 2025. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of the notice. Attached as Exhibit B are receipts from the United States Postal Service confirming the date of mailing.

John B. Brown

Date

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF CLARK	) ) SS: )
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this day of January, 2025.	a Notary Public in and before said County and State,
	Dennifer Page Birgham (SEAL) Notary Public
My Commission Expires:  Qure. 19, 2027	JENNIFER PAGE BINGHAM  NOTARY PUBLIC  STATE AT LARGE KENTUCKY  COMM. # KYNP74158  MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 19, 2027

#### NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 25, 2024, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") expects to file an Application seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission in Case No. 2024-00346 to increase the gas service revenues by \$10,909,513 on an annual basis, which is approximately 19.02%, and for authority to establish a regulatory asset for the costs incurred to complete a tax change associated with the natural gas safe harbor rules. The proposed annual revenue increases by customer classification are: Residential - \$5,986,702 (22.45%); Small Non-Residential - \$1,584,976 (17.84%); Large Non-Residential - \$2,679,106 (19.62%); Interruptible Service - \$100,999 (4.60%); Transportation – On System Utilization/Special Contracts - \$148,874 (32.86%); Transportation – Off System Utilization - \$300,218 (10.79%); Farm Tap - \$79,776 (2.98%). Delta is also proposing increases to its collection and reconnection charges, resulting in an annual increase of \$28,862 (52.55%) in special charges revenue.

The proposed effective date of the rates is for service rendered on and after January 1, 2025. Delta has requested the proposed rates be implemented to all customer classifications as shown below:

#### **Monthly Customer Charge\***

Classification	Present Rate	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	\$ Change	% Increase
Residential	\$24.00	\$33.60	\$9.60	40.00%
Small Non-Residential	\$44.40	\$57.70	\$13.30	29.95%
Large Non-Residential	\$195.04	\$195.04	\$0.00	0.00%
Interruptible Service	\$267.85	\$267.85	\$0.00	0.00%
Transportation – Off System Utilization	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Farm Tap	\$24.00	\$33.60	\$9.60	40.00%

<sup>\*</sup>The present and proposed rates listed do not include the \$0.30 Energy Assistance Program Tariff charge that is billed as a separate line item for Residential and Farm Tap customers.

The Transportation – On System Utilization Rate shall be the same as the rate for Residential, Small Non-Residential, Large Non-Residential and Interruptible Service customers, as applicable, set forth above.

## **Consumption Charges\*\***

Classification	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Residential	\$5.2539/per 1.0 Mcf	\$6.6040/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.3501/per 1.0 Mcf	25.70%
Small	\$4.9739/per 1.0 Mcf	\$6.2840/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.3101/per 1.0 Mcf	26.34%
Non-Residential				
Large				
Non-Residential				
1 - 200 Mcf	\$5.3766/per 1.0 Mcf	\$7.3549/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.9783/per 1.0 Mcf	36.79%
201 - 1,000 Mcf	\$3.2307/per 1.0 Mcf	\$4.4195/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.1888/per 1.0 Mcf	36.80%
1,001 - 5,000 Mcf	\$2.1947/per 1.0 Mcf	\$3.0024/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.8077/per 1.0 Mcf	36.80%
5,001 - 10,000 Mcf	\$1.6743/per 1.0 Mcf	\$2.2905/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.6162/per 1.0 Mcf	36.80%
Over 10,000 Mcf	\$1.4141/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.9345/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.5204/per 1.0 Mcf	36.80%
Interruptible				
Service				
1 - 1,000 Mcf	\$1.7143/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.8052/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.0909/per 1.0 Mcf	5.30%

1,001 - 5,000 Mcf	\$1.2857/per 1.0 Mcf	\$1.3538/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.0681/per 1.0 Mcf	5.30%
5,001 - 10,000 Mcf	\$0.8571/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.9025/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.0454/per 1.0 Mcf	5.30%
Over 10,000 Mcf	\$0.6428/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.6768/per 1.0 Mcf	\$0.0340/per 1.0 Mcf	5.29%
Transportation –	\$0.3142/per 1,000	\$0.3481/per 1,000	\$0.0339/per 1,000	10.79%
Off System	cu. ft. of gas	cu. ft. of gas	cu. ft. of gas	
Utilization	transported or	transported or	transported or	
	\$0.3142/per	\$0.3481/per	\$0.0339/per	
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Farm Tap	\$3.2110/per 1.0 Mcf	\$2.1599/per 1.0 Mcf	-\$1.0511/per 1.0 Mcf	-32.73%

<sup>\*\*</sup> The consumption charges are exclusive of the Gas Cost Recovery rate and do not include the Pipe Replacement Program Rider, which is billed as a separate line item.

The Transportation – On System Utilization Rate shall be the same as the rate for Residential, Small Non-Residential, Large Non-Residential and Interruptible Service customers, as applicable, set forth above.

## **Special Charges**

Charge and Classification	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Collection Charge – applies to all customer classes.	\$5.00 per trip to premises for purpose of terminating service.	\$20.00 per trip to premises for purpose of terminating service.	\$15.00	300.00%
Reconnection Charge – applies to all customer classes except Farm Tap customers, whose reconnection charge is \$25.00	\$9.00 per reconnection	\$60.00 per reconnection	\$51.00	566.67%

Delta is not proposing changes to any other special charges.

# **Average Monthly Bills**

Classification	Monthly Average Usage	Current Average Bill	Proposed Bill	\$ Change	% Change
Residential	4.56 Mcf	\$71.00	\$86.75	\$15.75	22.18%
Small	13.00 Mcf	\$172.38	\$202.72	\$30.34	17.60%
Non-Residential					
Large	75.66 Mcf	\$964.86	\$1,114.53	\$149.67	15.51%
Non-Residential					
Interruptible	726.33 Mcf	\$4,930.39	\$4,996.41	\$66.02	1.34%
Service					
Transportation –					
On System					
Utilization					
Residential	3.28 Mcf	\$42.62	\$56.64	\$14.02	32.90%
Small					
Non-Residential	12.66 Mcf	\$110.09	\$139.97	\$29.88	27.14%

Large Non-Residential	1,329.06 Mcf	\$4,765.41	\$6,377.89	\$1,612.48	33.84%
Interruptible	4,256.49 Mcf	\$6,375.93	\$6,688.59	\$312.66	4.90%
Transportation	,				
Transportation –	82,000	\$25 <i>,</i> 764.40	\$28,544.20	\$2,779.80	10.79%
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System					
Utilization					
Farm Tap					
Delta	6.93 Mcf	\$78.82	\$81.15	\$2.33	2.96%
Former Peoples	6.93 Mcf	\$77.92	\$80.25	\$2.33	2.99%
Gas KY LLC					
Customers****					

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> No Transportation – Off System Utilization customers are currently billed based on Mcf so the average usage is shown only in dekatherms.

Delta requests authority to establish a \$162,900 regulatory asset with a proposed three-year amortization period for the costs incurred to complete a tax change associated with the natural gas safe harbor rules.

Delta proposes changes to certain of its tariffs. The requested changes are: (1) update the sample bill to reflect the current appearance and format; (2) clarify that "billing month" in the Weather Normalization Adjustment is the month the bills are mailed; and (3) modify the Gas Technology Institute Research and Development unit charge to include Farm Tap customers. Delta is not proposing to reset its Pipe Replacement Program ("PRP") rates in this proceeding. Proposed revisions to the PRP rates are pending in Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2024-00332. Delta plans to renegotiate rates for three Special Contract customers and is providing individual notice to those customers.

This application may be examined at the offices of Delta located at 3617 Lexington Road in Winchester, Kentucky, or on the company's website at https://www.deltagas.com.

This application may also be examined at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or through the Commission's website at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding this application may be submitted by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602; or through its website at http://psc.ky.gov.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Delta but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The average and proposed bills for the former Peoples Gas KY LLC Farm Tap customers differ from Delta Farm Tap customers due to the separate Gas Cost Recovery surcharges that were approved in Kentucky Public Service Commission Case No. 2023-00076.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.

If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.



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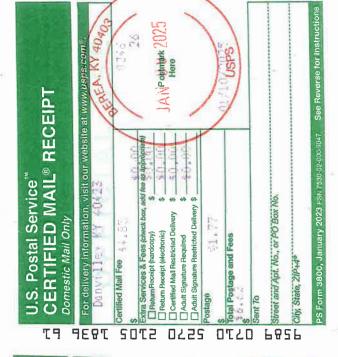
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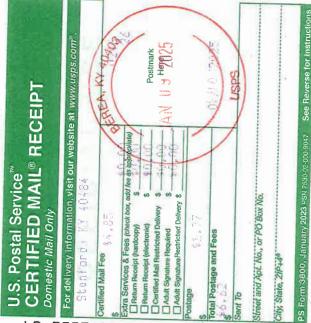
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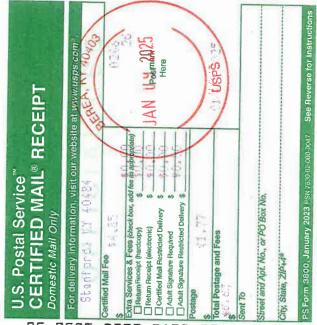
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