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RE: Case No. 2012-00029  
Public Gas Company, Inc.  
(Transfer/Sale/Purchase/Merger)

The Commission staff has reviewed Public Gas Company, Inc.'s application in the above case and finds that it met the minimum filing requirements on January 24, 2012 and has been accepted for filing.

Enclosed please find a stamped filed copy of the first page of your filing. This case has been docketed and will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at 502-564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Faulkner".

Linda Faulkner  
Filings Division Director

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of: )  
)  
THE JOINT APPLICATION OF GAS NATURAL )  
INC. AND KENTUCKY ENERGY )  
DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR AN ORDER )  
APPROVING A TRANSFER AND ACQUISITION )  
OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC )  
GAS COMPANY, INC. )

Case No. 2012- 00029

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**JOINT APPLICATION PURSUANT TO KRS 278.020**

Gas Natural Inc. (“Gas Natural”) and Kentucky Energy Development, LLC (“Kentucky Energy”) (collectively, the “Joint Applicants”) jointly apply to the Kentucky Public Service Commission pursuant to KRS 278.020(5) and (6), and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8 for an Order approving the acquisition of Gas Natural of all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Public Gas Company, Inc. (“Public Gas”). In support of this Joint Application, Joint Applicants state:

1. Gas Natural is a holding company whose affiliated wholly-owned utility companies provide retail natural gas distribution to approximately 63,500 customers in the states of Maine, Montana, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wyoming. It is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio. Its principal office is located at 8500 Station Street, Suite100, Mentor, Ohio 44060. As Required by 800 KAR 5:001 Section 8, a certified copy of its articles of incorporation is annexed hereto and marked Joint Application Exhibit 1.