

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF DUKE ENERGY)	2020-00334
KENTUCKY, INC.)	

ORDER

On October 29, 2020, Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (Duke Kentucky) filed, in accordance with its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) Tariff, its GCA report and a proposed GCA rate to be effective December 1, 2020. On November 4, 2020, Duke Kentucky provided a revised GCA report. In the cover letter filed along with the revised GCA report, Duke Kentucky states that the revised GCA report reflects a change in a gas supplier tariff rate that is expected to be effective December 1, 2020. Duke Kentucky filed its revised GCA report to reflect this change in its Expected Gas Cost (EGC) Component. Duke Kentucky's previous GCA rate was approved in Case No. 2020-00230.¹

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Duke Kentucky's GCA report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.
2. Duke Kentucky's revised GCA report sets out an EGC of \$4.172 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.083 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$3.089 per Mcf.

¹ Case No. 2020-00230, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC Aug. 20, 2020).

3. Duke Kentucky's revised GCA report sets out no current quarter supplier Refund Adjustment (RA).

4. Duke Kentucky's revised GCA report sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) of \$.090 per Mcf. Duke Kentucky's total AA is (\$.292) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.027 per Mcf from its previous total AA of (\$.319) per Mcf.

5. Duke Kentucky's revised GCA report sets out a current quarter Balance Adjustment (BA) of \$.002 per Mcf. Duke Kentucky's total BA is (\$.012) per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.031 per Mcf from its previous total BA of \$.019 per Mcf.

6. Duke Kentucky's GCA is \$3.868 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.079 per Mcf from its previous GCA of \$2.789 per Mcf.

7. Duke Kentucky's application sets out a Gas Cost Adjustment Transition (GCAT) Rider rate of (\$.0304) per 100 cubic feet. This GCAT rate will be applicable to customers who begin receiving Rate FT-L transportation service after the effective date of this Order and who paid gas supply costs through the GCA during the 12 months before they began receiving FT-L service.

8. The rates as proposed by Duke Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix A to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved for final meter readings by Duke Kentucky on and after December 1, 2020.

9. Should Duke Kentucky purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCA reports then the supplier, cost, and amount must be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

10. The Commission finds that Duke Kentucky should file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCA report for rates effective for the March 2021 billing cycle.

a. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,² issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, Duke Kentucky shall not file the original paper copy of all requested information at this time, but rather shall file original paper copies within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

b. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Duke Kentucky shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

² Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

d. For any request to which Duke Kentucky fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Duke Kentucky shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. When filing a paper containing personal information Duke Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Duke Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix A to this Order are approved for final meter readings on and after December 1, 2020.

2. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, Duke Kentucky shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

3. Duke Kentucky shall continue to file an electronic version of its GCA report containing the supporting calculations used to compute the GCA in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas intact and unprotected and with all columns and rows accessible as ordered in Case No. 2018-00143.³

³ Case No. 2018-00143 *Electronic Purchase Gas Adjustment of Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC May 23, 2018).

4. Duke Kentucky shall file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCA report for rates effective for the March 2021 billing cycle.

5. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:



Deputy Executive Director

Case No. 2020-00334

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00334 DATED NOV 25 2020

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

GAS SERVICE RATES

RATE RS
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	<u>Base</u> <u>Rate</u>		<u>Gas Cost</u> <u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Rate</u>
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$.46920	plus	\$.38680	\$.85600

RATE GS
GENERAL SERVICE

	<u>Base</u> <u>Rate</u>		<u>Gas Cost</u> <u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Rate</u>
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$.29243	plus	\$.38680	\$.67923

RIDER GCAT
GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TRANSITION RIDER

The amount of this charge or (credit) shall be (\$.0304) per 100 cubic feet. This rate shall be in effect during December 2020 through February 2021 and shall be updated quarterly, concurrent with the Company's GCA filings.

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00334 DATED NOV 25 2020

1. Provide a customer billing history report for a random Duke Kentucky residential customer for each month in the 12-month reporting period ended November 2020. Redact any personal information from the report, such as customer name, customer address, and any additional identifiable information. The report should be sure to include the monthly usage, the rates billed, the meter reading dates, and the GCA rate billed.

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