

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS	)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF NATURAL ENERGY	)	2021-00122
UTILITY CORPORATION	)	

ORDER

On March 3, 2021, Natural Energy Utility Corporation (Natural Energy) filed its Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate report to become effective April 1, 2021. The cover letter indicates that prior GCR rate reports erroneously included sales of a special contract customer. Natural Energy also included supplemental information as an attempt to reflect the special contract quarterly and annual sales in prior quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) calculations.

The Commission finds that the investigation of Natural Energy's GCR rate report cannot be completed prior to 30 days from the filing date. Based on the March 3, 2021 filing date, the earliest possible effective date would be April 2, 2021. Therefore, the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for five months from April 2, 2021.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Natural Energy's proposed rates are suspended for five months from April 2, 2021, up to and including September 2, 2021.
2. The information requested in the Appendix attached hereto and incorporated herein is due on or before April 13, 2021. Pursuant to the Commission's

Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,<sup>1</sup> issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, Natural Energy 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. Natural Energy 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.

d. For any request to which Natural Energy fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Natural Energy 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

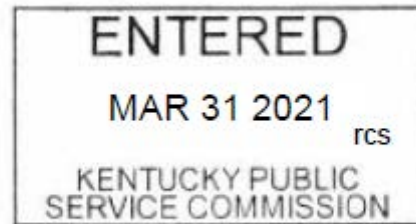
proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

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

3. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from issuing an Order prior to the end of the suspension period.

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By the Commission



ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

Case No. 2021-00122

## APPENDIX

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2021-00122 DATED MAR 31 2021

1. Refer to the cover letter and the special contract customer mentioned.
  - a. Provide a copy of the special contract.
  - b. Confirm if the special contract customer referenced is charged the GCR rate.
  - c. Explain when the special contract customer was first included in Natural Energy's GCR rate report calculation.
2. Refer to the unlabeled sheet on page 6 of 17 of the GCR rate report. Explain what is being shown and provide labels to the information provided.
3. For each month in the 12-month reporting period ended December 2020, provide the total sales amount and the cost for the special contract customer.
4. For each month in the 12-month reporting period ended December 2020, provide invoices to the special contract customer. The invoices should be sure to include the sales and amount billed for each month.
5. For each month in the 12-month reporting period ended December 2020, provide a gas usage report that shows the total amount of natural gas sold excluding the special contract customer.
6. For each month in the 12-month reporting period ended December 2020, provide invoices from suppliers for gas purchased.

7. Refer to the supplemental information that was requested in Appendix B of Case No. 2020-00374.<sup>2</sup> The customer billing history report for a random Natural Energy residential customer for each month in the 12-month reporting period ended December 2020, does not include the GCR rate billed. Provide an update of this customer billing history report that includes the GCR rate billed for each month during the reporting period.

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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2020-00374 *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Natural Energy Utility Corporation*, (Ky. PSC Dec. 18, 2020).

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