

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF NATURAL)	
GAS SERVICES, LLC FOR INITIAL RULES,)	CASE NO.
REGULATIONS AND RATES FOR)	2021-00390
FURNISHING GAS SERVICE PURSUANT TO)	
KRS 278.485)	

ORDER

On September 24, 2021, Natural Gas Services, LLC (Natural Gas Services) filed its tariff to establish initial rates, rules, and regulations pursuant to KRS 278.485 and 807 KAR 5:026, which govern gathering systems that provide service to retail customers who tap onto farm tap systems. Natural Gas Services proposed an effective date of October 24, 2021.

Having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such investigation cannot be completed by October 24, 2021. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will, therefore suspend the effective date of the proposed tariff for five months, up to and including March 23, 2022.

The Commission directs Natural Gas Services to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ in which the Commission mandated the use of electronic filing procedures listed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. The Commission finds that

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

electronic filing procedures should be used, consistent with the filing procedures set forth in Case No. 2020-00085.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the reasonableness of the proposed tariff. The procedural schedule is attached hereto as an Appendix to this Order and is incorporated herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed tariff.

2. Natural Gas Services' proposed tariff is suspended for five months from October 24, 2021, up to and including March 23, 2022.

3. Natural Gas Services shall, by counsel, enter an appearance in this proceeding within seven days of the date of entry of this Order. The entry of appearance shall include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and electronic mail address of counsel.

4. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to service and electronic filing of papers shall be followed in this proceeding.

5. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8(9), within seven days of entry of this Order, Natural Gas Services shall file by electronic means a written statement that it waives any right to service of Commission Orders by United States mail and that it or its authorized agent possess the facilities to receive electronic submissions.

6. Unless a party is granted leave to intervene states its objection to the use of electronic filing procedures in a motion for intervention, the party shall:

a. Be deemed to have consented to the use of electronic filing procedures and the service of all papers, including Orders of the Commission, by electronic means; and

b. Within seven days of the date of entry of an Order of the Commission, granting intervention, file with the Commission a written statement that:

(1) It or its authorized agent possesses the facilities to receive electronic transmissions; and

(2) Sets forth the electronic mail address to which all electronic notices and messages related to this proceeding should be served.

7. If a party objects to the use of electronic filing procedures and the Commission determines that good cause exists to excuse that party from the use of electronic filing procedures, service of documents on that party and by that party shall be made in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(8).

8. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.

9. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11)(a), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that the person requesting permissive intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Further, KRS 278.040(2) requires that a person seeking intervention must have an interest in the rate or service of a utility, as those are the only matters that are subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Therefore,

any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding the potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest. In addition, any motion to intervene after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

10. Natural Gas Services shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). In addition, the notice of the hearing shall include the following statements: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov"; and "Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Natural Gas Services shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

11. At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

12. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video recording shall be made of the hearing.

13. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of times with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

14. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

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By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2021-00390 DATED OCT 18 2021

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than10/29/2021

Initial requests for information to Natural Gas Services
shall be filed no later than11/12/2021

Natural Gas Services shall file responses to
initial requests for information no later than.....11/29/2021

All supplemental requests for information to Natural Gas Services
shall be filed no later than12/13/2021

Natural Gas Services shall file responses to supplemental requests
for information no later than.....12/22/2021

Intervenor Testimony, if any, in verified prepared
form shall be filed no later than12/29/2021

All requests for information to Intervenors shall
be filed no later than01/12/2022

Intervenors shall file responses to requests for
information no later than01/26/2022

Natural Gas Services or any Intervenor shall request either a
hearing or that the case be submitted for decision
based on the record no later than02/02/2022

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