

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC ANNUAL PIPELINE	)	CASE NO.
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FILING OF APACHE	)	2024-00167
GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO APACHE GAS TRANSMISSION CO, INC

Apache Gas Transmission Co., Inc. (Apache), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on August 16, 2024. The Commission directs Apache to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made and 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 association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

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

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

Careful attention shall be given to copied and scanned 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. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Apache shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Provide the Pipeline Replacement Program (PRP) escrow account statements for each month in calendar year 2023.

2. Refer to the Application, unnumbered page 1, regarding the lower total sales for financial year end (FYE) 2023. Provide the total FYE sales in Mcf for years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

3. Refer to the Application, unnumbered page 2. Regarding the statement, “Apache has paid off one of the SBA loans, making the debt service payments each month lower than they were in previous years.”

a. Provide supplemental documentation showing proof that Apache has paid off one of the SBA loans.

b. Provide the average monthly amount of debt service payments owed by Apache before Apache paid off one of the SBA loans and after Apache paid off one of the SBA loans.

4. Refer to Application, unnumbered page 2, regarding the replacement of the remaining 3-inch line with 6-inch line.

a. Identify the material type of the 3-inch line being replaced.

b. Identify the material type of the 6-inch line that will be installed.

c. On a map, provide the location of the line that will be replaced.

d. Explain how many years Apache expects the replacement of the remaining 3-inch line with 6-inch line will take to complete, if given no changes to the PRP surcharge.

5. Refer to the Application, unnumbered page 2. Regarding any safety concerns, beyond the potential for restricted flow, due to the smaller size.” Explain, in detail, if there are any safety concerns, beyond the potential for restricted flow, that necessitate accelerated replacement.

6. Refer to the Application, unnumbered pages 2–3. Regarding the statement “Once Apache is able to see how much of the current PRP surcharge is left, Apache may request the Commission to increase the number of feet to be replaced each year, or to

increase the PRP surcharge to be able to replace the remaining 3-inch mains on a faster timeline.” Provide the date, or the estimated date, that Apache expects to know how much of the surcharge remains.

7. Refer to Case No. 2017-00168, August 29, 2017 final Order.<sup>2</sup> Provide an estimated update to the PRP time frame established in that case, in the event the proposed project is approved.

8. Refer to Case No. 2023-00124. Provide sample tariff sheets that set forth the changes as approved by the Commission in the October 12, 2023 final Order.<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2017-00168, *Application of Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Implementation of a Pipeline Replacement Program, Approval of Financing Pursuant to KRS 278.300 and Application of Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc. and Burkesville Gas Company, Inc. for Approval of a Gas Pipeline Replacement Surcharge and Tariff* (Ky. PSC Aug. 29, 2017), Order.

<sup>3</sup> Case No. 2023-00124, *Electronic Annual Pipeline Replacement Program Filing of Apache Gas Transmission Company, Inc.* (Ky. PSC Oct. 12, 2023), Order at 5–6.

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