

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DELTA	)	CASE NO.
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR PIPE	)	2024-00332
REPLACEMENT FILING	)	

ORDER

On October 15, 2024, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Delta) filed its annual pipeline replacement program (PRP) application proposing new rates to be effective January 1, 2025. Commission Staffs first request for information, issued November 27, 2024, asks Delta why there are no projected engineering costs in its 2025 cost projections. In response, Delta stated that it mistakenly omitted the engineering costs and provided an amended application including the previously omitted amounts, this resulted in a change to proposed PRP rates.<sup>1</sup>

Since Delta's responses to the Commission's request for information contains a revised filing, the Commission considers this to be an amended application and will be moving forward as such. The amended application was filed on December 11, 2024, and the amended effective date will be 30 days from this filing, January 11, 2025. Given that Commission Staff will be issuing another request for information in this case, the January 11, 2025, effective date is not a feasible timeline to complete the review process. Thus, the Commission will suspend rates for one day, subject to refund, to allow more time for review.

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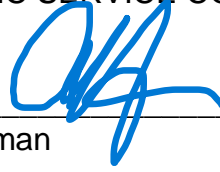
<sup>1</sup> Delta's Response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 3.

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. Having reviewed the amended PRP application and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that a review of the new rates cannot be completed before January 11, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed PRP rates for one day until January 12, 2025, to give the Commission time to investigate the proposed PRP rates and to allow Delta to begin charging the PRP rates, pending a final Order and subject to refund, provided it gives written notice to the Commission of its intention to do so as required by KRS 278.190(2).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Delta's proposed PRP rates are suspended for one day, to January 12, 2025.
2. Delta's proposed PRP rates may be placed in effect by Delta on or after January 12, 2025, pending the final Order in this matter and subject to refund, provided Delta files written notice to the Commission of its intention to do so as required by KRS 278.190(2).
3. If Delta files notice of its intention to place the proposed PRP rates into effect after the end of the suspension period, Delta shall maintain its records in such manner as will allow it, the Commission, or any customer to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom in the event of a refund is ordered upon final resolution of this matter.
4. Delta shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff as provided in those requests.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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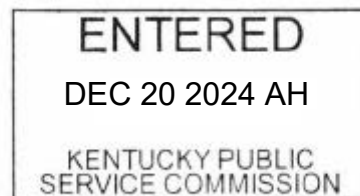


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