

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DELTA)	CASE NO.
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. FOR AN)	2024-00346
ADJUSTMENT OF GAS RATES)	

ORDER

On November 25, 2024, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Delta) filed an application for a general adjustment of rates based on a forecasted test period, approval for changes to its tariffs, approval of depreciation rates, and any other relief for which Delta may be entitled. In its application, Delta proposed that its tariffs become effective January 1, 2025.

Pursuant to KRS 278.180(1), changes to any rate by any utility is prohibited except upon 30 days' notice to the Commission. Since the application was accepted for filing as of November 25, 2024, and Delta proposed an effective date of January 1, 2025 for its tariffs; the earliest date that Delta's proposed rates can be effective is January 1, 2025. Having reviewed Delta's application, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates, and that an investigation cannot be completed by January 1, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for six months, up to and including July 1, 2025.

The Commission, on its own motion, finds that a procedural schedule should be established for the orderly processing of this case. The procedural schedule is attached as an Appendix to this Order. In addition, the Commission, on its own motion, finds that Delta should participate in an informal technical conference. The informal technical conference should be in person at 211 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. There will be a virtual option, and Staff will ensure all the participants will receive the link.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
2. The informal technical conference shall be held in person on December 17, 2024 at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.
3. Delta shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.
4. Any party filing a paper with the Commission shall file an electronic copy in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission.

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).

5. 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 that 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. 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 that 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 a potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

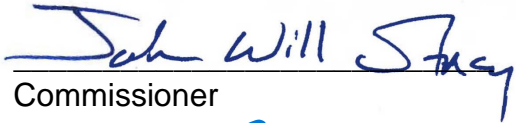
6. Any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule shall also show good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

7. Witnesses who sponsor schedules, testimony, or responses to requests for information shall participate in person at any hearing scheduled in this matter.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00346 DATED DEC 05 2024

Last day for intervention requests to be accepted.....	12/13/2024
Informal Technical Conference at 211 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, KY at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.....	12/17/2024
All initial requests for information to Delta shall be filed no later than	12/17/2024
Delta shall file responses to initial requests for information no later than.....	01/03/2025
All supplemental requests for information to Delta shall be filed no later than	01/17/2025
Delta shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than	01/31/2025
Intervenor testimony, if any, in verified prepared form shall be filed no later than.....	02/18/2025
All requests for information to intervenors shall be filed no later than	03/03/2025
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than.....	03/17/2025
Delta shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than	04/01/2025
Last day for parties to request a public hearing or submit a request for the matter be decided based upon the written record	04/04/2025

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