

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF WESTERN LEWIS-RECTORVILLE)	2024-00375
WATER AND GAS DISTRICT)	

ORDER

On November 2, 2024, Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Western Lewis-Rectorville District) filed its proposed Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rate report to be effective January 2, 2025. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's previous GCR rate was approved in Case No. 2024-00281.¹

LEGAL STANDARD

The Commission's standard of review for GCR rates is well settled as stated in KRS 278.274(1):

In determining whether proposed natural gas utility rates are just and reasonable, the commission shall review the utility's gas purchasing practices. The commission may disallow any costs or rates which are deemed to result from imprudent purchasing practices on the part of the utility.

Further, the utility has the burden to prove the rates are just and reasonable and the Commission may reduce the purchased gas component of the utility's rates or the rates charged by an affiliated company to the extent the amount is deemed to be unjust or unreasonable.²

¹ Case No. 2024-00281, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District* (Ky. PSC September 30, 2024).

² KRS 278.274(2); KRS 278.274(3)(c); and KRS 278.274(3)(d).

DISCUSSION

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$3.2859 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.0077 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$3.2936 per Mcf. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report sets out no Refund Adjustment. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report sets out a current quarter Actual Adjustment (AA) of (\$0.0681) per Mcf. Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report sets out a total AA of (\$1.7708) per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.0182 per Mcf from its previous total AA of (\$1.7526) per Mcf. Western Lewis-Rectorville sets out no Balance Adjustment.

Western Lewis-Rectorville District's report set out a GCR rate of \$1.5151 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.0259 per Mcf from the previous GCR rate of \$1.5410 per Mcf. The Commission finds that rates as set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just and reasonable and should be approved for service rendered by Western Lewis-Rectorville District on and after January 2, 2025.

Upon review of Western Lewis-Rectorville's GCR rate reports, and Case No. 2024-00281, the Commission has determined that further discovery is necessary to gather information pertaining to Western Lewis Rectorville's future GCR rate reports. Therefore, the Commission finds that Western Lewis-Rectorville should file responses to the Request for Information attached herein as Appendix B of this Order, when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the April 2025 billing cycle.

For the purpose of transparency and to maintain a record of information for future use, the Commission finds that Western Lewis-Rectorville District shall submit all invoices it receives along with its monthly usage reports for each month of the reporting period when it files its future GCR rate reports. Should Western Lewis-Rectorville District purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports, then the supplier, cost, and amount must be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

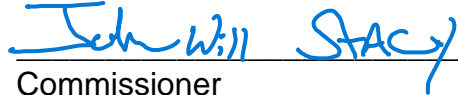
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Western Lewis-Rectorville District are approved.
2. The rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered on and after January 2, 2025.
3. Western Lewis-Rectorville District shall submit all invoices it receives along with its monthly usage reports for each month of the reporting period when it files its future GCR rate reports.
4. Should Western Lewis-Rectorville District purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCR reports, then the supplier, cost, and amount shall be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.
5. Within 20 days of the date of service of this Order, Western Lewis-Rectorville District shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.
6. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Chairman



Commissioner



Commissioner

ATTEST:



Executive Director



APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00375 DATED DEC 20 2024

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Monthly Usage

	<u>Base Rate</u>	Gas Cost Recovery <u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
All MCF	\$1.5642	\$1.5151	\$3.0793

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2024-00375 DATED DEC 20 2024

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO WESTERN LEWIS-RECTORVILLE WATER AND GAS DISTRICT

Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District (Western Lewis-Rectorville), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due when it files its next GCR report for rates effective for the April 2025 billing cycle. The Commission directs Western Lewis-Rectorville to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085³ 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 response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Western Lewis-Rectorville shall make timely amendments to any prior response if Western Lewis-Rectorville obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect

³ 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, Mar. 24, 2020 Order at 1-3.

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 Western Lewis-Rectorville fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Western Lewis-Rectorville 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, Western Lewis-Rectorville shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Regarding Western Lewis-Rectorville's gas storage facilities:
 - a. If there is gas storage held by Western Lewis-Rectorville, provide evidence of such storage and documents outlining the quantities of gas held.
 - b. If there is gas storage held by Western Lewis' supplier, Symmetry, provide evidence of that storage and documents outlining the quantities of gas held.

SUMMARY OF PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING
for Western Lewis-Rectorville Water and Gas District

Case No.: 2024-00375
Filing Date: November 2, 2024
Proposed Effective Date: January 2, 2025
Approved Effective Date: January 2, 2025

Wholesale Gas Supplier: Center Point Energy

Wholesale cost: Decreased \$0.0077 per Mcf
Retail Rate: Decreased \$0.0259 per Mcf

Gas Cost Recovery Components

	Proposed	Prior
Expected Gas Cost (EGC)	\$3.2859	\$3.2936
Refund Adjustment (RA)	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA)	(\$1.7708)	(\$1.7526)
Balance Adjustment (BA)	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Gas Cost Recovery (GCR)	\$1.5151	\$1.5410

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