

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY)	
FRONTIER GAS, LLC FOR AN ALTERNATIVE)	CASE NO.
RATE FILING PURSUANT TO 807 KAR 5:076)	2025-00277
AND OTHER GENERAL RELIEF)	

ORDER

On September 19, 2025,¹ Kentucky Frontier Gas, LLC (Kentucky Frontier) filed its application with the Commission requesting an adjustment to its gas service rates pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 11, the Commission hereby notifies the parties that a Commission Staff's (Staff) Report (Staff Report) will not be issued in this proceeding. The information needed in this case will be obtained through the application and Staff's Requests for Information.

The Commission finds that a procedural schedule² should be established to ensure the orderly review of Kentucky Frontier's application. The procedural schedule is attached as Appendix A to this Order. Kentucky Frontier or any party to this proceeding may request a formal hearing pursuant to the procedural schedule.

¹ Kentucky Frontier tendered its application on August 29, 2025. By letter dated September 9, 2025, the Commission rejected the application for filing deficiencies. The deficiencies were subsequently cured, and the application is deemed filed on September 19, 2025.

² No action is necessary to suspend the effective date of Kentucky Frontier's proposed rates for service. Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076, Section 7(1), an applicant who applies for a rate adjustment pursuant to the procedures set for in 807 KAR 5:076 may not place its proposed rates into effect until the Commission approves those rates or six months from the date of the filing of its application.

In addition, Kentucky Frontier should file on or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule its responses to the Staff's request for information, attached to this Order as Appendix B, and should respond to any future requests for information propounded by Staff by the date or dates set forth on any such requests.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth in Appendix A to this Order.
2. The Commission directs the parties to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085³ regarding filings with the Commission.
3. On or before the date set forth in the procedural schedule, Kentucky Frontier shall file its responses to the Commission Staff's request for information, attached to this Order as Appendix B.
4. Kentucky Frontier shall respond to any additional requests for information propounded by Staff as provided in those requests.
5. If a party requests a hearing or informal conference, then the party shall make the request in its written comments and state the reason a hearing or informal conference is necessary.
6. A party's failure to request a hearing or informal conference in the party's written response shall be deemed a waiver of all rights to a hearing on the application and a request that the case stand submitted for decision.

³ 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).

7. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), 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 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 the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of the utility 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.

8. Any motion to intervene filed after the date established in the procedural schedule attached as Appendix A to this Order 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.

9. Kentucky Frontier 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 hearing shall include the following statement: "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, Kentucky Frontier shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

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


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

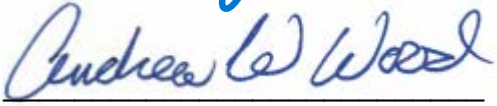
12. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.


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

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director



Case No. 2025-00277

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00277 DATED SEP 26 2025

Requests for intervention shall be filed no later than 10/08/2025

Kentucky Frontier shall file responses to the request for
In Appendix B to this Order no later than 10/17/2025

All requests for information to Kentucky Frontier
shall be filed no later than 11/05/2025

Kentucky Frontier shall file responses to requests
for information no later than 11/19/2025

All supplemental requests for information to
Kentucky Frontier shall be filed no later than 12/05/2025

Kentucky Frontier shall file responses to supplemental
requests for information no later than 12/19/2025

Public Hearing to be held in the Richard Raff Hearing Room
at the offices of the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard,
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination
of witnesses of Kentucky Frontier and Intervenors To be scheduled

Post-Hearing Briefs, if any To be scheduled

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2025-00277 DATED SEP 26 2025

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO KENTUCKY FRONTIER GAS, LLC

Kentucky Frontier Gas, LLC (Kentucky Frontier), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, shall file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on October 17, 2025. The Commission directs Kentucky Frontier to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ 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.

Kentucky Frontier shall make timely amendment to any prior response if Kentucky Frontier obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect or incomplete when

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made or, though correct or complete when made, is now incorrect or incomplete in any material respect.

For any request to which Kentucky Frontier fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Kentucky Frontier 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, Kentucky Frontier shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 17(b). Provide a narrative explanation, screen shots and any other evidence documenting Kentucky Frontier's compliance with the referenced regulation.

2. State the last time Kentucky Frontier performed a cost of service study (COSS) to review the appropriateness of its current rates and rate design.

3. Provide a schedule listing the number of occurrences for each nonrecurring charge that was recorded during the test year and the total amount recorded for each nonrecurring charge. If the revenue for any nonrecurring charge was zero, include that charge and indicate that no revenue was recorded. Include the general ledger account numbers where each nonrecurring charge is recorded.

4. Following the link in the footnote 2 below, there is a Nonrecurring Charge Cost Justification form available on the Commission's website.² Fill out the attached form for each of Kentucky Frontier's nonrecurring charges, individually, to support each nonrecurring charge listed in the tariff.

5. Explain whether Kentucky Frontier has any special contract customers that are being billed a rate different from the current tariff rates. If so, provide the contract and provide the monthly and annual usage for each special contract customer.

6. Provide copies of each of the following in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns fully accessible and unprotected. Employee names should be redacted from all documents.

a. The general ledger for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the year ended December 31, 2024.

b. The trial balance for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the year ended December 31, 2024.

7. Provide certificates of insurance and most recent invoices for general liability, workers' compensation, automobile, property, and casualty for 2024 and 2025.

8. Provide a description of all employee benefits paid to or on behalf of each employee for the calendar year 2024. Supplemental coverage for which the employee pays 100 percent of the cost should also be included. Employee names should be redacted from all documents. Include in the response a copy of the most recent invoice for each employee benefit(s) described and provided in the response.

² The Nonrecurring Charge Cost Justification form is located on the Kentucky Public Service Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov/Home/UtilForms>.

9. Using a table format, provide an Excel spreadsheet with all formulas, rows, and columns fully accessible and unprotected that lists each position (Position 1, Position 2, etc.), job titles, hours worked, pay rates, total wages paid, and total FICA cost for each employee for the year ended December 31, 2024, and 2025 year to date. Include the date each employee was hired and, if applicable, the employee's termination date. If a position is recently vacated but the intent is to fill it, note the vacancy and the amount of time that it has been vacant. The table should include a column for total wages by employee (regular wages and overtime) and a row for total hours worked, wages paid, and FICA for all employees. Employee names should be redacted from all documents.

10. Using the same table created in response to Item 9, list each employee benefit (medical, dental, life, and others), the employee's contribution, the employer premium contribution, and an adjustment based on Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) contribution rates, if applicable. If medical insurance is provided, designate the coverage type (i.e., single, family, couple, or parent plus). If benefits other than medical insurance are provided, include a total column for the cost of all benefits excluding the BLS adjustment.

11. Provide the following information related to billing software:

- a. Brand or common name for software.
- b. State whether the software is locally installed on a utility-owned computer or is a subscription service that is internet based.
- c. If locally installed, state the installation date.
- d. State whether the system is still serviced by the manufacturer and whether the utility maintains a service contract.

12. Provide copies of each of the reports or internal audits, prepared by Kentucky Frontier and outside auditors, conducted within the last ten years.

13. Refer to Application, Exhibit 7. For each outstanding debt issuance with a term of longer than two years, state whether Kentucky Frontier requested and received approval pursuant to KRS 278.300. If so, provide the case number. If not, explain why not.

14. Provide the following with respect to new tap installations:

- a. Provide the number of installations during the test year.
- b. State whether labor costs were capitalized and, if so, provide the total amount and designate the line in the fixed assets listing that reflects the capitalization.
- c. State whether material costs were capitalized and, if so, provide the total amount and designate the line in the fixed assets listing that reflects the capitalization.

15. Provide the number of occurrences and dollar amounts for late fees that were recorded during the calendar years 2024 and 2025 year to date.

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