

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Nashville, Tennessee

April 16, 1996

**IN RE: PETITION TO REVISE CHATTANOOGA  
GAS COMPANY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Docket No. 95-03343**

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Commission upon the petition of Chattanooga Gas Company (petitioner) to revise its Rules and Regulations pertaining to its gas service in Hamilton and Bradley Counties and in particular with respect to its rules entitled, "Bills, Payments, Non-Payments." In addition the petitioner has requested a Revenue Adjustment Mechanism be implemented to protect it from loss of revenues occurring as a result of the foregoing change of its bill payment rules. The petition was heard on January 3, 1996, in Nashville, before Ralph B. Christian II, Administrative Judge. On January 24, 1996, the Judge issued an Initial Order approving the petitioner's request to extend the due date for payment of customer bills. The Judge reserved decision on the second portion of the petitioner's request to establish a Revenue Adjustment Mechanism. The Commission considered the Initial Order at its Conference on January 30, 1996, and voted to approve it.

On February 22, 1996, the Judge issued a Supplemental Initial Order denying the petitioner's request to establish a Revenue Adjustment Mechanism. No exceptions to the Supplemental Order were filed. The Commission considered the Supplemental Order at its Conference on March 19, 1996 and voted to approve the Supplemental Order with the provision that any additional costs or lost late payment revenues brought about by these rule changes be considered in Chattanooga Gas Company's next rate case.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

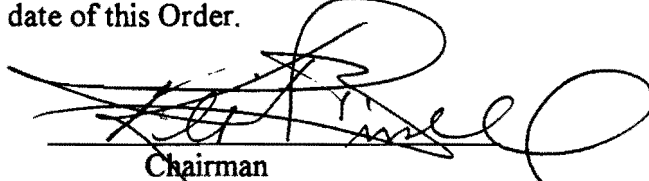
1. The Initial Order in this matter issued on January 24, 1996, and the Supplemental Initial Order issued on February 22, 1996, be adopted as though copied verbatim herein and
2. The Petitioner's request to extend the due date for the payment of customers bills be approved; and
3. The Revenue Adjustment Mechanism requested by the petitioner is hereby denied; and
4. Any additional costs or lost late payment revenues brought about by these rule changes be considered in the petitioner's next rate case; and

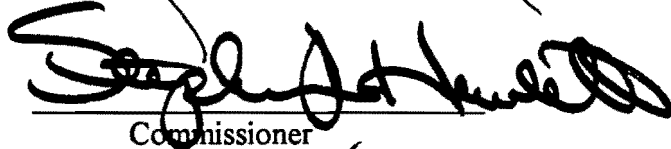
5. Any party aggrieved with the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Commission within ten ( 10 ) days from and after the date of this Order; and

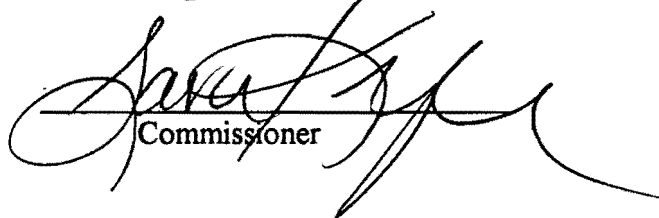
6. Any party aggrieved by the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Peition for judicial review by filing a petition with the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty ( 60 ) days from and after the date of this Order.

ATTEST:

  
Eddie Robinson  
Executive Director

  
Chairman

  
Commissioner

  
Commissioner