

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF THE UNION)
LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER COMPANY)
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE) CASE NO. 93-415
IN ITS BAD CHECK CHARGE)
FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE)

O R D E R

This matter is before the Commission on the application of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") for approval of an increase in its bad check charge for electric service from \$8 to \$11. ULH&P explains that in its most recent gas rate case the Commission approved the same increase in its bad check charge for gas service.¹ The result is one approved charge for checks tendered in payment of gas service and a different, lower approved charge for checks tendered in payment of electric service. Fifty-five percent of ULH&P's residential customers, however, are combination gas and electric customers and payment by such customers is in the form of one check; therefore, only one bad check charge is imposed if that check is returned by the bank. ULH&P is currently charging the lower of the two charges on all

¹ Case No. 92-346, The Application of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company for an Adjustment of Rates, Order dated July 23, 1993.

returned checks since, in its view, it is administratively impracticable to apply different charges based on the type of service for which the check is tendered.

FINDINGS AND ORDERS

The Commission, based on the evidence and being sufficiently advised, finds that:

1. ULH&P has requested that its bad check charge for electric service, currently at \$8, be increased to \$11 as was recently approved in Case No. 92-346 for its bad check charge for gas service.

2. ULH&P has provided adequate cost support for the proposed \$11 bad check charge.

3. The proposed \$11 bad check charge for electric service is fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved.

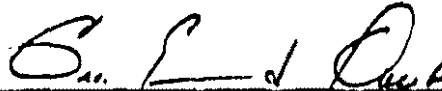
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. ULH&P's proposed bad check charge for electric service be and it hereby is approved effective with the date of this Order.

2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, ULH&P shall file its signed and dated tariff sheet setting forth the increased charge approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 22nd day of December, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director