

**PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
HARRISBURG, PA 17120**

Public Meeting held March 14, 2024

Commissioners Present:

Stephen M. DeFrank, Chairman  
Kimberly Barrow, Vice Chair  
Ralph V. Yanora  
Kathryn L. Zerfuss  
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Pennsylvania Public Utility  
Commission  
v.  
Kaib and Kaib, LLC

Docket Number:  
R-2023-3043594

**ORDER**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On October 6, 2023, Kaib and Kaib, LLC (Kaib and Kaib), Utility Code: 120008, filed Original Tariff Gas-Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 proposing an annual increase in rates of \$28,337 (approximately 65%) to become effective on December 4, 2023. As proposed, the bill for an average residential customer using 12.5 MCF of natural gas a month would increase from \$75 to \$123 a month. On November 16, 2023, Kaib and Kaib filed Original Tariff Gas-Pa. P.U.C. No. 2 replacing in its entirety Original Tariff Gas-Pa. P.U.C. No. 1 as filed on October 6, 2023, and postponing the effective date to December 22, 2023. On December 15, 2023, Kaib and Kaib filed Supplement No. 1 to Tariff Gas-Pa. P.U.C. No. 2, voluntarily postponing the effective date to March 15, 2024. On

January 10, 2024, Kaib and Kaib revised its requested annual increase to \$29,488 (approximately 67.8%).

On February 1, 2024, a formal complaint was filed by a customer of Kaib & Kaib.

Kaib & Kaib stated that the requested increase in its base rates is necessary due to the rise in cost of labor, office supplies, equipment, parts and professional fees since its initial rates were approved in 1999. Pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), the filing will be suspended by operation of law until October 15, 2024, unless permitted by Commission Order to become effective at an earlier date.

Investigation and analysis of this proposed tariff filing, and the supporting data indicate that the proposed changes in rates, rules, and regulations may be unlawful, unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the public interest. It also appears that consideration should be given to the reasonableness of Kaib & Kaib's existing rates, rules, and regulations; **THEREFORE,**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That an investigation on Commission motion be, and hereby is, instituted to determine the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the rates, rules, and regulations contained in the proposed Supplement No. 1 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 2.

2. That the proposed Supplement No. 1 to Tariff Gas Pa. P.U.C. No. 2 is suspended by operation of law until October 15, 2024, unless otherwise directed by Order of the Commission.

3. That pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.71 tariff supplements shall be filed with the Commission and posted at the company to announce that the aforementioned Original Tariff is suspended until the date stated in the Commission Order. Attached is a sample copy of a suspension supplement which shall be filed in triplicate or, if applicable, e-filed with the Commission within 10 days following the Order entry date.

4. That this investigation shall include consideration of the lawfulness, justness, and reasonableness of the Kaib and Kaib, LLC's existing rates, rules, and regulations.

5. That the case be assigned to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for the prompt scheduling of such hearings as may be necessary culminating in the issuance of a Recommended Decision.

6. That a copy of this Order shall be served upon Kaib and Kaib, LLC, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of Small Business Advocate, and any persons who have filed Formal Complaints against the proposed tariff supplement.

**BY THE COMMISSION,**



Rosemary Chiavetta  
Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER ADOPTED: March 14, 2024

ORDER ENTERED: March 14, 2024

ATTACHMENT

Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_ to

Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_

(COMPANY'S NAME)

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(TERRITORY SERVED BY COMPANY)

The application of rates proposed in Supplement No. \_\_\_\_\_ to Tariff \_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed to become effective \_\_\_\_\_ (and voluntarily postponed to become effective \_\_\_\_\_, is hereby suspended until \_\_\_\_\_, at Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_). Presently effective rates contained in Tariff \_\_\_\_\_ Pa. P.U.C. No. \_\_\_\_\_ and supplements thereto, will continue in effect until otherwise amended.

Issued:

Issued in compliance with

Title 66 PA C.S.