

ENTERGY LOUISIANA, LLC
LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UNDOCKETED WINTER STORM EVENT

Response of: Entergy Louisiana, LLC
to the First Set of Data Requests
of Requesting Party: Louisiana Public Service
Commission

Question No.: LPSC 1-1

Part No.:

Addendum:

Question:

Please describe the impact of the Winter Storms on fuel costs and the expected impact on upcoming utility bills

Response:

ELL's LDC service in Baton Rouge is supported by a full requirements supply contract that is backed up by no-notice pipeline transportation service. ELL's supply contract provides that the daily baseload volume is priced at Henry Hub first of month, meaning that the baseload volume would not have been subject to the price spikes experienced in mid-February 2021. For daily volumes above base load, those volumes are purchased at the Henry Hub daily midpoint which would have been influenced by the price spikes. On balance the gas commodity price purchased by ELL in February 2021 averaged \$5.60/MMBtu as compared to \$2.51/MMBtu in January 2021. Additionally, the volume of gas used by ELL's customers in February 2021 was 12.8% higher than January 2021. However, the impact of the winter storms did not affect ELL's April 2021 PGA rates. The monthly PGA rate is calculated using a projection of fuel costs for the billing month plus a surcharge rate that only resets once a year (in the October PGA). The fuel costs for February 2021 and the associated under-recovery (\$4.4M in February 2021) will be a component of the annual PGA surcharge rate reset which will become effective with billings in October 2021. This surcharge is spread over the following twelve months of billing. ELL expects a typical residential bill (100ccf) for February 2021 usage to be \$2.65 lower than the same bill for January 2021 usage.