

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

MICHAEL L. PAWLEY)	
)	
COMPLAINANT)	
)	
V.)	CASE NO.
)	2022-00019
)	
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

ORDER

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky) is hereby notified that it has been named as a Defendant in a formal complaint filed on January 18, 2022, a copy of which is attached to this Order as Appendix A. A copy of the bill at issue, supplied by Michael L. Pawley pursuant to the Commission’s February 9, 2022 Order, is attached as Appendix B.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 20, Columbia Kentucky is HEREBY ORDERED to satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the complaint within ten days from the date of entry of this Order.

The Commission directs Columbia Kentucky to the Commission’s July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. In the Commission’s March 16, 2020 Order in Case No. 2020-00085,² the Commission provides

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission mandated the use of the electronic filing procedures found in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, except for *pro se* formal complaints filed against utilities).

² Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6.

instructions for filings in non-electronic cases, insofar that parties of non-electronic cases may file one original document with no copies, or send an electronic mail message with an electronic copy of the document to the Commission and to parties to the matter. Any electronic email filed in this manner should be sent to PSCED@ky.gov, and each message should include the case number in the subject line of the message and a read receipt to ensure the Commission received the message and documents. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

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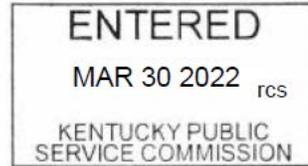


Chairman



Vice Chairman

Commissioner



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2022-00019 DATED MAR 30 2022

TWO PAGES TO FOLLOW

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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JAN 18 2022

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of:

MICHAEL L PAWLEY
(Your Full Name)
COMPLAINANT

VS.

COLUMBIA GAS OF KY
(Name of Utility)
DEFENDANT

COMPLAINT

The complaint of MICHAEL L PAWLEY respectfully shows:
(Your Full Name)

(a) MICHAEL L PAWLEY
(Your Full Name)

96 LANTERN WAY, NICHOLASVILLE, KY, 40356
(Your Address)

(b) COLUMBIA GAS OF KY
(Name of Utility)

PO Box 2318, COLUMBUS, OH 43216
(Address of Utility)

(c) That: COLUMBIA GAS OF KY NORMALLY READS MY METER ON
(Describe here, attaching additional sheets if necessary,

A 30 DAY BILLING CYCLE. THEY WERE GRANTED A RATE INCREASE
the specific act, fully and clearly, or facts that are the reason

FROM 5.4 TO 7.23 (+34%) ON 11/29 AND THEY DELAYED READING MY
and basis for the complaint.)

METER TILL 11/30, 30 DAY LONGER THAN NORMAL IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

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Formal Complaint

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OF THE RATE INCREASE. INSTEAD OF PRORATING^{IT} FOR THE END OF THE MONTH, THEY APPLIED THE RATE INCREASE FOR THE ENTIRE 33 DAY PERIOD. I'VE HAD OTHER BUSINESSES AND UTILITIES PRORATE MY BILL FOR THINGS LIKE SERVICE CHANGES IE INSURANCE, CABLE TV AND PHONE COMPANY.

Wherefore, complainant asks GAS USAGE FOR NOV. '21: 4.5 MCF / 33 DAY
(Specifically state the relief desired.)

HOW COLUMBIA GAS BILLED: $4.5 \text{ MCF} / 33 \text{ DAY} \times 33 \text{ DAY} \times 7.2298 / \text{MCF} = 32.53$
IF PRORATE: $4.5 \text{ MCF} / 33 \text{ DAY} \times 31 \text{ DAY} @ 5.4029 / \text{MCF} = 22.84$ FOR 31 DAYS
 $\frac{1}{2} = 4.5 \text{ MCF} / 33 \text{ DAY} \times 2 \text{ DAYS} @ 7.2298 / \text{MCF} = 1.97$ FOR 2 DAYS
24.81 TOTAL
OVER CHARGE: $32.53 - 24.81 = 7.72$

Dated at NICHOLASVILLE, Kentucky, this 14 day
(Your City)

of JANUARY, 20 22
(Month)

Michael L. Pawley
(Your Signature*)

(Name and address of attorney, if any)

1/14/22
Date

*Complaints by corporations or associations, or any other organization having the right to file a complaint, must be signed by its attorney and show his post office address. No oral or unsigned complaints will be entertained or acted upon by the Commission.

APPENDIX B

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FEB 15 2022

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

From: [REDACTED]
To: [PSC Executive Director](#)
Subject: Supporting Documents for Case# 2022-00019
Date: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:02:46 AM

These are the supporting documents for the basis of the non prorated rate increase.

The Columbia Gas of Kentucky's new gas supply cost, effective November 29, reflects an increase from \$5.4029 per Mcf (1,000 cubic feet) to \$7.2298 per Mcf, an increase of 33.8 percent. My November bill, from 10/28 to 11/30, for 4.5Mcf was charged the entire period at the rate of \$7.2298/Mcf for \$32.53 instead of:

Prorate calculations:

-10/28 to 11/28 (31 days) at \$5.4029: $4.5/33 \times 31 \times \$5.4029 = \$22.84$

- 11/29 to 11/30 (2 days) at \$7.2298 : $4.5/33 \times 2 \times \$7.2298 = \1.97

Total: \$24.81

Over charged \$7.72

Attachments:

- Columbia Gas news release on rate increase

- November bill

Michael Pawley

Account Number: [REDACTED]

Statement Date: 12/01/2021

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11/21

13 Month Usage History *continued*

Meter Number:
M2201125

Service Address:
96 Lantern WY
Nicholasville KY 40356-9007

Meter Readings - 33 Billing Days

Actual Reading on 11/30 6055
Actual Reading on 10/28 - 6010

Gas Used (Mcf) 4.5

Usage Comparison - Mcf

Month	Mcf	Avg Temp	Mcf Per Day
Dec 20	2.5	49.4*	0.1
Nov 21	0.3	62.5*	0.0
Dec 21	4.5	43.8*	0.1

Your Average Monthly Usage = 2.7 Mcf.
Your Total Annual Usage = 32.0 Mcf.
Your next meter reading date is 01/03/2022.

Detail Charges

$7,2298 - 5,40290 = 1,8269$
 $+ 33,81\%$

Customer Charge \$16.00
Gas Delivery Charge \$12.48

Delivery +\$28.48

Gas Supply Cost 4.5 Mcf at \$7.22980 per Mcf \$32.53

Supply +\$32.53

Safety Modification and Replacement Program Rider \$7.67
Energy Assistance Program Surcharge \$0.30
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Rider \$0.29
Research & Development Factor \$0.06
School Tax \$2.08

Taxes & Fees +\$10.40

Total Current Utility Charges \$71.41

11/20 4.2538

Columbia Gas of Kentucky has received approval from the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) for its most recent Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA). Columbia Gas of Kentucky's new gas supply cost, effective November 29, reflects an increase from \$5.4029 per Mcf (1,000 cubic feet) to \$7.2298 per Mcf, an increase of 33.8 percent. This increase is consistent with projections issued by the Energy Information Administration (EIA) in their [winter heating season forecast](#). The new gas supply cost will remain in effect until the next scheduled Gas Cost Adjustment in March 2022.

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