

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

PETITION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY)
INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO ADJUST RATES) CASE NO. 7273-K
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURCHASED GAS)
ADJUSTMENT PROCEDURE)

O R D E R

On April 23, 1979, this Commission issued its Final Order in Case No. 7273, approving certain adjustments in the rates of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., (Columbia), and providing under certain conditions for refunds.

On June 16, 1980, the Applicant notified the Commission that they had received a refund from one of their suppliers, Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and that the refund is due to the Applicant's customers.

The refund reflects the third and final installment of refunds resulting from Federal and State Income Tax Refunds in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of Transmission's Stipulation and Agreement at FERC Docket No. RP 76-95.

The Applicant has calculated the amount owed each high pressure customer based upon individual customer usage during the refund calculation period. The total refund due high pressure customers amounts to \$132,429.50 and will, upon approval, be refunded by check. The balance of the refund in the amount of \$294,834.30 would be refunded to approximately 112,900 General Service low pressure residential and commercial customers by bill credit over a four month period.

On August 13, 1980 the Applicant filed an amendment to their original filing wherein they agreed to a one month refund period (September, 1980) for low pressure customers in lieu of the originally requested procedure of refunding over a four month period.

The estimated refund factor for the month of September, 1980, is \$.80 per Mcf applicable to low pressure customers.

After reviewing this evidence of record and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds:

(1) That the Applicant's proposed refunds of \$427,264 are fair, just and reasonable and in the public interest and should be made in the manner proposed by the Applicant.

(2) That the refund factor of .80¢ per Mcf should be adjusted, when necessary, to assure proper refunds to their customers.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Applicant shall refund by check \$132,429.50 to its high pressure customers and that \$294,834.30 shall be refunded to its low pressure customers by application of a credit factor for the month of September of \$.80¢ per Mcf of sales to its customers' bills.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon completion of the refund directed herein, the Applicant shall file with the Commission, a statement of the monies refunded to its customers.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Applicant shall notify the Commission upon completion of the refund authorized herein, and the amount of the refund to all customers served.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the information furnished this Commission by the Applicant on June 16 and August 13, 1980, constitutes full compliance with the Commission's requirements and orders in Case No. 7273, and any other information ordinarily required to be filed under Commission's regulations is hereby waived

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 26th day of August, 1980.

ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION



For the Commission

ATTEST

Secretary