COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

CASE NO. 8738

ORDER

On January 24, 1983, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia"), by counsel, filed its Motion for Deviation from 807 KAR 5:011 for Good Cause Shown. The Motion states that the Ashland Daily Independent published the initial notice on Friday, January 14, 1983, and the Lexington Herald-Leader published the notice on Saturday, January 15, 1983, one day after the day of filing the notice with the Commission.

807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(b) requires that, in those instances where newspaper publication is utilized, the first publication of the proposed rates shall be made prior to the filing of the application (notice) with the Commission.

In support of the Motion, Columbia states that publication in the Lexington Herald-Leader one day after the filing represents substantial compliance with the administrative intent to provide customers with prompt notice of utility rate filings and, further, that Columbia submitted the notice to the newspapers for publication prior to its filing, but the publication schedule of the Lexington paper would not accommodate the publication until one day subsequent to the filing.

The Commission, having considered the Motion and being advised, is of the opinion and finds that good cause has been shown pursuant to 807 KAR 5:011, Section 13, and that the Motion should be sustained.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the Motion be and it hereby is sustained.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of January, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST: