## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT OF RATES ) CASE NO. OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. ) 9554

## ORDER OF PROCEDURE

On June 17, 1986, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") filed an amended application with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its gas rates for service rendered on and after July 7, 1986.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that, pursuant to KRS 278.190, further proceedings are necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such proceedings cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That:

The proposed rates be and they hereby are suspended for
5 months, on and after the 7th day of July, 1986.

2. Columbia shall provide public notice of the proposed rates in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(2) and (3).

3. The notice or publication shall also contain the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice.

4. The procedural schedule listed in Appendix A shall be followed.

All requests for information and responses thereto shall 5. be appropriately indexed. All responses shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with copies to all parties of record and 12 copies to the Commission.

6. Columbia shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5).

7. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of compelling reasons.

8. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

9. Due to the unusual circumstances of this case, the Commission will hold a pre-hearing conference following receipt of the first information request response, and before the follow-up requests are due to be sent. The purpose of the conference will be to clarify any questions from the information requests and to clarify other issues or items of concern. The conference will be held in the Commission's first-floor conference room beginning at 9:30 a.m., August 8, 1986.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of June, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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ATTEST:

## APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE

DUE DATE

COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 9554 DATED 6/30/86

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1. Columbia shall file its testimony in verified form, unless submitted sooner......7/01/86 2. All requests for information to Columbia 3. Columbia shall mail or deliver responses to the original requests for information, 4. A pre-hearing conference will begin at 9:30 a.m., EDT, in the Commission's firstfloor conference room. This conference will be limited to clarifying responses 5. All supplemental requests for information (to include only those matters within the scope of the initial request) to Columbia 6. Columbia shall mail or deliver responses to supplemental requests for information, 7. Intervenors shall file their testimony in verified prepared form, unless submitted sooner.....9/02/86 8. All requests for information to intervenors 9. Intervenors shall mail or deliver responses to requests for information, unless submitted sooner.....10/07/86 10. Public Hearings are to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Columbia, cross-examination of witnesses of intervenors, and the presentation of rebuttal testimony, if any.....10/14/86 11. Columbia and intervenors shall, if necessary, file briefs, indexed by subject matter,