

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF)
GAS PURCHASES UNDER A SPECIAL) CASE NO. 9038
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

O R D E R

On April 16, 1984, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed with this Commission an application for approval of a special natural gas purchase from Citizens Energy Corporation ("Citizens") for use in a Special Emergency Assistance Program ("Program"). On June 28, 1984, the Commission issued its Order approving gas purchases under the Program. On October 30, 1987, Columbia filed an application to continue the Program through the winter of 1987 under contractual terms and conditions approved by Columbia and Citizens on October 27, 1987. On January 19, 1988, the Commission issued its Order approving the gas purchases through the 1987 winter season under the 1987 contract.

On November 3, 1988, Columbia filed an application to continue the Program for the 1988 winter season. On December 15, 1988, the Commission issued its Order approving the requested extension.

On December 22, 1989, Columbia filed an application to continue the Program through the winter of 1989-1990 under the same contractual conditions as those previously in effect.

After reviewing the application and the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. According to the Program final report for the program year 1988-89 provided by Columbia on October 30, 1989, the Program distributed \$56,464 to more than 648 households during the 12 months ended July 1989. A balance of \$21,841 remained to be disbursed by early 1990. In order to continue assistance to these needy households, the Program should be extended with the associated gas costs recovered through the purchased gas adjustment mechanism.

2. Columbia should file with this Commission data concerning gas purchases, funds generated and disbursed and a summary of Program effectiveness in its Program final report upon the completion of program year ending July 31, 1990.

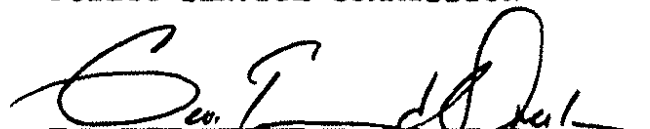
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. Since the Program has assisted low-income households in paying utility bills, the Program shall be and it hereby is extended through the 1989-1990 Program year.


2. Columbia shall file with this Commission its Program final report upon completion of the program year ending July 31, 1990.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 8th day of March, 1990.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director