COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

CASE NO. 94-179-J

<u>ORDER</u>

On November 1, 1994, in Case No. 94-179, the Commission approved certain adjusted rates for Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") and provided for their further adjustment on a quarterly basis in accordance with its gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause.

On May 1, 1997, Columbia filed its GCA to be effective June 1, 1997 through August 31, 1997.

After reviewing the record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Columbia's notice proposed revised rates designed to pass on its expected wholesale decrease in gas costs. Columbia's proposed expected gas cost ("EGC") for the quarter beginning June 1, 1997 is \$3.8176.

2. Columbia's notice set out a rate for Banking and Balancing Service of 2.06 cents per Mcf.

3. Columbia's notice set out no take-or-pay refund adjustment.

4. Columbia's notice set out no transportation take-or-pay refund adjustment.

5. Columbia's notice set out its actual cost adjustment ("ACA") of 51.48 cents per Mcf.

6. Columbia's notice set out a balancing adjustment ("BA") of 49.19 cents per Mcf.

7. Columbia's notice contained no current refund adjustment. The total refund adjustment of .63 cent per Mcf reflects previous quarter refund adjustments.

8. Columbia's notice set out a Special Agency Service refund adjustment of .03 cent per Mcf.

9. These adjustments produce a gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") of \$4.8177,22.80 cents per Mcf less than the prior rate.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and are effective for gas supplied on and after June 1, 1997.

2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Columbia shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized in this Order.

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Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of May, 1997.

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APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 94-179-J DATED MAY 30, 1997

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE BILLING RATES

SCHEDULE GSR	Base Rate <u>Charge</u>	Gas Cost <u>Demand</u>	Adjustment <u>Commodity</u>	Total Billing Rate
First 1 Mcf or less per mo. Over 1 Mcf per mo.	\$ 8.10 2.1800	\$ 1.1749 \$ 1.1749	\$ 3.6428 \$ 3.6428	\$12.9177 6.9977
RATE SCHEDULE GSO				
Commercial or Industrial First 1 Mcf or less Next 49 Mcf per mo. Next 350 Mcf per mo. Next 600 Mcf per mo. Over 1,000 Mcf per mo.	22.00 2.1800 2.1149 2.0149 1.8409	\$ 1.1749 \$ 1.1749 \$ 1.1749 \$ 1.1749 \$ 1.1749 \$ 1.1749	\$ 3.6428 \$ 3.6428 \$ 3.6428 \$ 3.6428 \$ 3.6428 \$ 3.6428	26.8177 6.9977 6.9326 6.8326 6.6586
<u>Delivery Service</u> Administrative Charge	65.00			65.00
Standby Service Demand Charge Demand Charge times Daily Firm Vol. (Mcf) in Cust. Serv. Agrmt.	5	9.1875		9.1875
Delivery Rate Per Mcf First 400 Mcf per mo. Next 600 Mcf per mo. Over 1,000 Mcf per mo. Former IN8 Rate per Mcf Banking & Balancing Service	2.1149 2.0149 1.8409 1.0575	0.0206		2.1149 2.0149 1.8409 1.0575 0.0206

RATE SCHEDULE IS

<u>Customer Charge per mo.</u> First 30,000 Mcf Over 30,000 Mcf	\$135.79 .6368 .3384		\$3.6428* 3.6428*			
<u>Standby Service Demand Char</u> Demand Charge times Daily Firm Vol. (Mcf) in Cust. Serv. Agree.	ge	9.1875		9.1875		
<u>Delivery Service</u> Administrative Charge First 30,000 Mcf Over 30,000 Mcf Banking & Balancing Service	65.00 0.6368 0.3384	0.0206		65.00 0.6368 0.3384 0.0206		
RATE SCHEDULE IUS						
For all Volumes Delivered Each Month	.3539	1.1749	3.6428	5.1716		
<u>Delivery Service</u> Administrative Charge Delivery Rate Per Mcf Banking & Balancing Service	65.00 .3539	1.1749 0.0206		65.00 1.5288 0.0206		
<u>Mainline Delivery Service</u> Administrative Charge Delivery Rate Per Mcf Banking & Balancing Service	65.00 0.1000	0.0206		65.00 0.1000 0.0206		
RATE SCHEDULE IN6 - INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL						
Commodity Charge	1.7363	1.1749	3.6428	6.5540		
RATE SCHEDULE IN7 - SMALL COMMERCIAL						
Commodity Charge	.5924	1.1749	3.6428	5.4101		

*IS customers may be subject to the demand gas cost, under the conditions set forth on Sheets 14 and 15 of this tariff.