COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

| THE NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS |) | |
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| ADJUSTMENT FILING OF COLUMBIA |) | CASE NO. 94-179-M |
| GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. |) | |

ORDER

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 January 28, 1998, Columbia filed its GCA to be effective March 1, 1998 through May 31, 1998.

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 March 1, 1998 is \$3.9261.
- 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 annual actual cost adjustment ("ACA") of 19.69 cents per Mcf.
- 6. Columbia's notice set out its balancing adjustment ("BA") of 16.57 cents per Mcf.
- 7. Columbia's notice set out a current refund adjustment of .01 cent per Mcf to return to its customers supplier refunds of \$1,803 including interest. The total refund adjustment of 13.06 cents per Mcf reflects the current as well as previous quarter refund adjustments.
- 8. Columbia's notice set out a Special Agency Service refund adjustment of .01 cent per Mcf.
- 9. These adjustments produce a gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") of \$4.1580 per Mcf, 4.92 cents per Mcf less than the prior rate.
- 10. The revised rate adjustments in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, in the public interest, and should be approved for gas supplied on and after March 1, 1998.

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 March 1, 1998.
- 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.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of February, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Directo

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 94-179-M DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1998

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 Charge | Gas Cost <u>Demand</u> | Adjustment Commodity | Total Billing Rate |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| First 1 Mcf or less per mo. Over 1 Mcf per mo. | \$ 8.10 2.1800 | \$ 1.2646 \$ 1.2646 | \$ 2.8934 \$ 2.8934 | \$12.2580 6.3380 |
| 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. Delivery Service | 22.00 2.1800 2.1149 2.0149 1.8409 | \$ 1.2646 \$ 1.2646 \$ 1.2646 \$ 1.2646 \$ 1.2646 | \$ 2.8934 \$ 2.8934 \$ 2.8934 \$ 2.8934 \$ 2.8934 | 26.1580 6.3380 6.2729 6.1729 5.9989 |
| Administrative Charge | 65.00 | | | 65.00 |
| Standby Service Demand Charge Demand Charge times Daily Firm Vol. (Mcf) in Cust. | <u>e</u> | | | |
| Serv. Agrmt. | | 8.9313 | | 8.9313 |
| 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 | 2.1149 2.0149 1.8409 1.0575 | | | 2.1149 2.0149 1.8409 1.0575 |
| Banking & Balancing Service | | 0.0206 | | 0.0206 |

RATE SCHEDULE IS

| Customer Charge per mo. First 30,000 Mcf Over 30,000 Mcf | \$135.79 .6368 .3384 | | \$2.8934 2.8934* | \$135.79 3.5302 3.2318 | | | |
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| Standby Service Demand Char Demand Charge times Daily Firm Vol. (Mcf) in Cust. Serv. Agree. | <u>ge</u> | 8.9313 | | 8.9313 | | | |
| Delivery Service 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 | 1.2646 | 2.8934 | 4.5119 | | | |
| Delivery Service Administrative Charge Delivery Rate Per Mcf Banking & Balancing Service | 65.00 .3539 | 1.2646 0.0206 | | 65.00 1.6185 0.0206 | | | |
| Mainline Delivery Service 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 | 1.2646 | 2.8934 | 5.8943 | | | |
| RATE SCHEDULE IN7 - SMALL COMMERCIAL | | | | | | | |
| Commodity Charge | .5924 | 1.2646 | 2.8934 | 4.7504 | | | |

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