

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF )  
KENTUCKY INC. TO IMPLEMENT A SMALL )  
VOLUME GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, ) CASE NO. 99-165  
TO CONTINUE ITS GAS COST INCENTIVE )  
MECHANISM, AND TO CONTINUE ITS )  
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM )

O R D E R

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") was granted rehearing on March 6, 2000, and filed its testimony on rehearing issues with the Commission March 16, 2000. In order to develop as complete a record as reasonably possible on the issues on rehearing, the Commission has developed a procedural schedule for the rehearing phase of this proceeding. One of the issues to be dealt with on rehearing involves the Commission's jurisdiction over marketers that may choose to participate in Columbia's Small Volume Gas Transportation ("SVGT") Program. Columbia has indicated, in both its rehearing petition and testimony, that marketers participating in the SVGT Program will not be acting as agents of Columbia. This raises numerous questions regarding marketer certification and Commission oversight of marketers that were not addressed in the initial phase of this proceeding. Therefore, the Commission finds that the parties to this proceeding should brief the issue of marketer participation in Columbia's SVGT Program. Given that the issue concerns the Commission's duty, under law, to provide

certain protections to ratepayers that might choose to participate in the SVGT Program, Columbia and all other parties shall submit briefs on this issue by March 28, 2000. All other matters regarding the scheduling of events for the rehearing phase of this proceeding are set forth in the appendix attached hereto.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The parties to this proceeding shall file briefs in which they explore and discuss the appropriate means by which the Commission can exercise its duty, under law, to provide necessary protections to ratepayers under Columbia's proposed SVGT Program. These briefs shall also address possible modifications to Columbia's proposal that would better enable the Commission to exercise this duty.

2. The procedural schedule attached hereto shall be followed for the rehearing portion of this proceeding.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 99-165 DATED MARCH 20, 2000

All requests for information to Columbia shall be served  
upon Columbia no later than . . . . . April 4, 2000

Columbia shall file responses with the Commission  
and serve upon all parties of record its responses to  
the requests for information no later than . . . . . April 14, 2000

Public Hearing is to begin at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in  
Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Blvd. In  
Frankfort, Kentucky, for purposes of cross-examination of witnesses . . . . April 25, 2000