

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE JOINT APPLICATION OF NISOURCE, INC.)
AND COLUMBIA ENERGY GROUP FOR)
APPROVAL TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF)
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.) CASE NO. 2000-129

O R D E R

The Commission, having considered the 60-day time limit set forth in KRS 278.020(5), on its own motion HEREBY ORDERS that:

1. The procedural schedule listed in Appendix A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, shall be followed. At the public hearing there shall be no opening statements and no summaries of testimony.

2. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and 12 copies. The original and at least three copies of the testimony shall be filed as follows:

a. Together with cover letter listing each person presenting testimony.
b. Bound in 3-ring binders or with any other fastener which readily opens and closes to facilitate easy copying.

c. Each witness's testimony should be tabbed.
d. Every exhibit to each witness's testimony should be appropriately marked.

3. All requests for information and responses thereto shall 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 an original and 10 copies to the Commission.

4. NiSource, Inc. and Columbia Energy Group (“Applicants”) shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:011, Section 8(5). At the time publication is requested, the Applicants shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

5. 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.

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

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of May 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2000-129 DATED MAY 5, 2000

Initial requests for information to NiSource and Columbia shall
be filed no later than..... 5/10/00

NiSource and Columbia shall file responses to the requests for
information no later than..... 5/16/00

All supplemental requests for information (to include
only those matters within the scope of the initial
requests) to NiSource and Columbia shall be filed no later than..... 5/22/00

NiSource and Columbia shall file responses to supplemental
requests for information no later than..... 5/26/00

Last day for NiSource and Columbia to publish notice of
hearing date 6/1/00

Intervenors' testimony, if any, shall be filed in
verified prepared form no later than 6/1/00

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 Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky,
for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of
NiSource, Columbia, and Intervenors..... 6/8/00

Briefs, if any, shall be filed no later than..... 6/16/00