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) CASE NO. 2000-129
TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC.)

ORDER

This matter arises upon the motion of Paper, Allied-Industrial, Chemical and Energy Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC ("PACE"), PACE Local Union No. 5-372, United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO-CLC ("Steelworkers"), and Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO ("UWUA"), (collectively, "Petitioners"), each of which represents employees of the merging companies, filed May 11, 2000, for full intervention. Such intervention being likely to present issues and develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings, and this Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The motion of the Petitioners to intervene is granted.
- 2. The Petitioners shall be entitled to the full rights of a party and shall be served with the Commission's Orders and with filed testimony, exhibits, pleadings, correspondence, and all other documents submitted by parties after the date of this Order; however, Petitioners shall accept the record as they find it and shall comply with procedural requirements specified by the Commission to date.

3. Should Petitioners file documents of any kind with the Commission in the course of these proceedings, they shall also serve a copy of said documents on all other parties of record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 19th day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director