

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS)	
OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AUTHORITY)	
TO IMPLEMENT A PERMANENT)	
STATISTICAL METER SAMPLING PLAN)	CASE NO. 2000-429
FOR RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND)	
COMMERCIAL CLASS METERS AND)	
FOR AUTHORITY TO DEVIATE FROM)	
807 KAR 5:006, SECTION 25(5)(B))	

COMMISSION STAFF'S INTERROGATORIES TO
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

Pursuant to Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:001, Commission Staff requests that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") file the original and 4 copies of the following information with the Commission within 10 days of this request, with a copy to all parties of record. Each copy of the information requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure its legibility. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information should be provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations, separately.

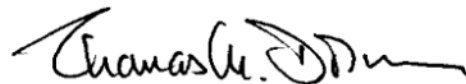
Assume that 807 KAR 5:006, Section (5)(b), would be interpreted by Commission Staff to require individual residential customer service regulators, vents, and relief valve vents to be checked for satisfactory operation every 10 years.

1. In its petition Columbia states that physical removal of the regulator is unnecessary in regulators with internal relief. Explain fully why Columbia believes that it is not necessary to physically remove regulators in order to comply with the regulation that regulators "be checked for satisfactory operation."

2. Is it Columbia's contention that regulators with full capacity internal relief would indicate a failure or malfunction by venting gas to the outside through a vent?

3. Is it Columbia's contention that, due to the type of service regulators now in use by Columbia, a leaking or malfunctioning regulator would be detected during a leak survey? Explain fully.

4. ANSI/ASQC Z1.4-1993 retained the procedures and tables used in MIL-STD-105. ANSI may modify the format in future editions. Does Columbia agree that it would adopt ANSI sampling procedures and tables for inspection by attributes, Z1.4-latest edition, in lieu of MIL-STD-105?



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