COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO)	
AMEND ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT ENERGY)	CASE NO.
EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION RIDER)	2012-00016

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and seven copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of this Order. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the individual responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Columbia shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made, or though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Columbia fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and

precisely respond. Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure it is

legible.

1. Refer to Columbia's January 26, 2012 Request for Authority to Deviate

from Certain Provisions of its Tariff.

a. Explain why Columbia wants to defer refunding the \$1,147,657

over-recovery plus interest as set out in the calculation of its Energy

Efficiency/Conservation Program Balancing Adjustment ("EECPBA") in Attachment A of

its January 12, 2012 Application ("Application").

b. Explain why it is reasonable for Columbia to retain funds collected

from its ratepayers for an additional 12 months rather than refund them as required by

its Energy Efficiency and Conservation Rider tariff.

2. Refer to page 1 of Columbia's Application, and Columbia's statement that

it worked to ramp up its Demand-Side Management ("DSM") program in 2011, and that

it anticipates greater spending in 2012.

a. Provide copies of Columbia's DSM budget and work plan for 2012.

b. Provide detailed estimates of the amounts Columbia and its DSM

Collaborative expect to spend on each DSM program in 2012.

c. Assuming that the spending estimates detailed in the response to

part b. above actually materialize, provide an estimate of the EECPBA to be included in

Columbia's next annual report due January 1, 2013.

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