

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

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| TARIFF FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF |) |
| KENTUCKY, INC. TO EXTEND ITS SMALL |) CASE NO. 2017-00115 |
| VOLUME GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE |) |

ORDER

On March 1, 2017, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") submitted a tariff filing, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A, to continue its Small Volume Gas Transportation Service ("SVGTS") tariff and Small Volume Aggregation Service ("SVAS") tariff, commonly known collectively as the "CHOICE program," under the program's current terms and conditions, through March 31, 2022. Extension of the CHOICE program was last approved in Case No. 2013-00167¹ and is scheduled to run through March 31, 2017. The March 1, 2017 tariff filing proposed an effective date of March 31, 2017.

Having reviewed the tariff filing and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariffs to extend the CHOICE program, and that such investigation cannot be concluded by March 31, 2017. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed tariffs for one day and allow them to go into effect on April 1, 2017, subject to future change.

The Commission further finds that a procedural schedule should be established to review the reasonableness of the proposed tariffs extending the CHOICE program.

¹ Case No. 2013-00167, *Application of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. for an Adjustment of Rates for Gas Service* (Ky. PSC Dec. 13, 2013).

The procedural schedule is attached hereto as Appendix B to this Order and is incorporated herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Columbia's proposed SVGTS and SVAS tariffs extending the CHOICE program through March 31, 2022, are suspended for one day, to be effective on April 1, 2017, subject to future change.

2. The procedural schedule set forth in Appendix B to this Order shall be followed in this proceeding.

3. a. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed and shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided, with an original and eight copies to the Commission.

b. 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 person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

c. Any party 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.

d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:0001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

4. Any party filing testimony shall file an original and eight copies with the Commission, with copies to all parties of record. The original and copies shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed.

5. Columbia shall give notice of any hearing in this matter in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). In addition, the notice of hearing shall include the following statement: "This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov." At the time publication is requested, Columbia shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

6. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.

7. At the public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.

8. The Commission does not look favorably upon motions for continuance. Accordingly, 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 good cause.

9. A person who submits a motion to intervene after March 17, 2017, shall show a basis for intervention and good cause for being untimely. If the untimely motion is granted, the movant shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.

10. Nothing herein shall prevent the Commission from issuing further Orders in this matter.

By the Commission

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KENTUCKY PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00115 DATED **MAR 08 2017**

**SMALL VOLUME GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
(SVGTS)
RATE SCHEDULE**

APPLICABILITY

Entire service territory of Columbia Gas of Kentucky through March 31, 2022. See Sheet No. 8 for a list of communities.

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AVAILABILITY

Available to any customer that meets the following requirements:

- (1) Customer must be part of a Marketer's Aggregation Pool as the term is defined herein, and
 - (a) The Aggregation Pool consists of either: (1) a minimum of 100 customers; or (2) a customer or group of customers with a minimum annual throughput of 10,000 Mcf. The Aggregation Pool must be served by a single Marketer approved by Columbia; and the Marketer must have executed a Small Volume Aggregation Service agreement with Columbia; and,
 - (b) The Marketer must have acquired, or agreed to acquire, an adequate supply of natural gas of quality acceptable to Columbia, including allowances for (1) retention required by applicable upstream transporters; and (2) lost and unaccounted-for gas to be retained by Columbia. The Marketer must also have made, or have caused to be made, arrangements by which gas supply can be transported directly to specified receipt points on Columbia's distribution system; and,
- (2) Customer has normal annual requirements of less than 25,000 Mcf at any delivery point, and
- (3) Customer is currently a customer under the GS, IN6 or IUS Rate Schedule or in the case of a new customer would be considered a GS customer.

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| DATE OF ISSUE | March 1, 2017 |
| DATE EFFECTIVE | March 31, 2017 |
| ISSUED BY | /s/ Herbert A. Miller, Jr. |
| TITLE | President |

**SMALL VOLUME AGGREGATION SERVICE
(SVAS)
RATE SCHEDULE**

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AVAILABILITY

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MARKETER CERTIFICATION

Marketers will be certified by Columbia to offer supply of natural gas to customers choosing service under Rate Schedule SVGTS provided they meet the following requirements:

1. Satisfactory determination of adequate managerial, financial and technical abilities to provide the service Marketer intends to offer;
2. Satisfactory completion of a determination of credit worthiness by Columbia;
3. Execution of a contract with Columbia for Small Volume Aggregation Service;
4. Marketer agrees to accept assignment of upstream pipeline firm transportation services capacity (FTS) in an amount equal to the Marketer's Daily Delivery Requirement as defined herein;
5. Marketer agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct as set forth herein; Columbia agrees to abide by the Standards of Conduct as set forth herein;
6. Marketer agrees to flow gas in accordance with the Marketer's Daily Delivery Requirement provided by Columbia.

AGGREGATION POOL

Marketers will be required to establish at least one Aggregation Pool for aggregation purposes.

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| DATE OF ISSUE | March 1, 2017 |
| DATE EFFECTIVE | March 31, 2017 |
| ISSUED BY | /s/ Herbert A. Miller, Jr. |
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COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

GAS TARIFF
PSC KY NO. 5
~~FIFTH-SIXTH~~ REVISED SHEET NO. 30
CANCELLING PSC KY NO. 5
~~FOURTH-FIFTH~~ REVISED SHEET NO. 30

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DATE OF ISSUE ~~December 27, 2013~~
March 1, 2017
DATE EFFECTIVE ~~December 29, 2013~~March 31, 2017

ISSUED BY /s/ Herbert A. Miller, Jr.
TITLE President

~~Issued pursuant to an Order of the Public Service Commission
in Case No. 2013-00167 dated December 13, 2013.~~

**SMALL VOLUME AGGREGATION SERVICE
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RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)**

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| DATE OF ISSUE | January 6, March 1 2017 |
| DATE EFFECTIVE | December 27, 2016 March 31, 2017 |
| ISSUED BY | /s/Herbert A. Miller, Jr. |
| TITLE | President |

Issued pursuant to an Order of the Public Service Commission in Case No. 2016-00162 dated December 22, 2016

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00115 DATED **MAR 08 2017**

- A person interested in becoming a party to this proceeding shall file a motion to intervene with the Commission pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), no later than..... 03/17/17
- All requests for information to Columbia shall be filed no later than..... 03/27/17
- Columbia shall file responses to requests for information no later than 04/10/17
- All supplemental requests for information to Columbia shall be filed no later than 04/24/17
- Columbia shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than 05/08/17
- A request for a formal hearing or statement that this case may be submitted based on the existing record shall be filed no later than 05/22/17

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