

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF THE)	
REASONABLENESS OF THE ENERGY)	CASE NO.
EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION RIDER OF)	2018-00044
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)	

ORDER

Pending before the Commission are three procedural motions filed on June 19, 2018, by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (“Columbia Gas”). The first motion requests an extension of time for Columbia Gas to respond the Commission Staff’s Third Request for Information (“Staff Third Request”) which was issued on June 15, 2018, with responses due on June 21, 2018. The motion states that additional time is needed to consult with its expert to present the facts in a complete and responsive manner.

The second motion requests a suspension of the existing procedural schedule which requires the parties to file by June 19, 2018, a request for either a hearing or that the case can be decided on the record. The motion states that since it has not yet filed responses due to the Staff Third Request and it has filed other motions that are now pending, it is unable to issue a statement requesting a hearing or submitting the case on the record. The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention (“Attorney General”), filed a response in support of this motion.

The third motion requests that the procedural schedule be amended to allow Columbia Gas an opportunity to file testimony by July 23, 2018, in support of its Energy

Efficiency and Conservation Rider (“EECR”). The motion states that the revised annual cost recovery component of the EECR was filed through the Commission’s electronic Tariff Filing System and subsequently suspended by the Commission to investigate both the cost recovery component and the reasonableness of demand-side management programs that comprise the EECR. The motion further states that while the procedural schedule established by the Commission provided for discovery by intervenors, the filing of intervenor testimony, and discovery on intervenors testimony, no opportunity was provided for Columbia Gas, as the applicant that bears the burden of proof, to file testimony to demonstrate the reasonableness of the EECR.

Based on a review of the pending motions and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds good cause to grant the extension of time to respond to Staff’s Third Request, suspend the existing procedural schedule, and revise the procedural schedule to allow Columbia Gas to file testimony in support of the reasonableness of the EECR. The Commission further finds that to process this case within the ten-month statutory time period set forth in KRS 278.190(3), Columbia Gas should file its testimony by July 16, 2018, and its responses to Staff’s Third Request should be filed at that same time. The revised procedural schedule attached hereto as an Appendix to this Order is established to continue the investigation of Columbia Gas’s EECR.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The motions of Columbia Gas to extend the time to file responses to Staff’s Third Request, to suspend the existing procedural schedule, and to amend the procedural schedule are granted.

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

3. Columbia Gas shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). 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 Gas shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.

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

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

6. 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.

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

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2018-00044 DATED **JUN 22 2018**

Columbia Gas shall file testimony in verified prepared
form no later than.....07/16/18

All requests for information to Columbia Gas Intervenors shall
be filed no later than07/23/18

Columbia Gas shall file responses to requests for
information no later than07/31/18

Last day for Columbia Gas to publish notice of hearing..... To be scheduled

Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1
of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard,
Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination
of witnesses of Columbia Gas and Intervenors To be scheduled

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