

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC INVESTIGATION OF HOME)	
ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OFFERED)	CASE NO.
BY INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES PURSUANT)	2019-00366
TO KRS 278.285(4))	

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

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due on February 14, 2020. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness 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 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.

Columbia Kentucky 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 Kentucky 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 that it is legible. 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 shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Columbia Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Community Action of Kentucky, Inc.'s (CAK) Response to Staff's First Request for Information, Attachment A, which contains CAK's recommendations for revisions to HEA programs. If the Commission were to implement each recommendation, explain how implementing the recommendation would impact your utility, addressing in detail any perceived benefits, adverse consequences, or impediments to implementing the recommendations.

2. Identify any other bill payment assistance programs, other than those listed on the attached spreadsheet, that your utility funds either through customer donations or shareholder funds. Describe all funding sources for the program(s); state whether the program is a crisis program or recurring benefit program; provide the eligibility criteria; and state whether any fees are paid to administer the program(s).

3. Explain whether HEA benefits are prioritized or provided before or after other available benefits, such as LIHEAP, donations, or other programs aimed at reducing consumers' energy burdens.

4. Refer to Columbia's response to the Attorney General's Initial Request for Information, Item 1.

a. Explain how Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison & Nicholas Counties (CAC) interacts with the process described by Columbia.

b. Explain in detail Columbia's participation with the WinterCare Energy Fund.

5. Refer to Columbia's response to the Attorney General's Initial Request for Information, Item 2. Explain why the available enrollment slots in 2018 were 500 less than 2014 through 2017.

6. Refer to Columbia's response to Staff's Second Request for Information, Item 6. The request sought the "calculation and derivation of the customer benefit levels," not the "average benefit level paid" for a program year. Explain, in detail, how Columbia determined what "fixed amount of credit" should be provided on customers' bills, as discussed in its response to Item 1. Said differently, how, when, and why was it determined that the maximum benefit for a participant in a program year is \$600?



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