COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ITS ANNUAL SAFETY MODIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FILING	))))	CASE NO. 2026-00306

O R D E R

On October 16, 2026, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky) filed its annual application for its Safety Modification and Replacement Program (SMRP) rider rates, based on a forecasted period ending December 31, 2027. Columbia Kentucky proposed an effective date of December 30, 2026, in its tariff filed with its annual SMRP rider.

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. Having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such investigation cannot be completed by December 30, 2026. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will, therefore, suspend the effective date of the proposed tariff for one day up to and including December 31, 2026.

Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), after December 31, 2026, Columbia Kentucky may place the proposed SMRP rider rates in effect after notifying the Commission, in writing, of its intention so to do so, pending the final Order in this matter and subject to refund. If Columbia Kentucky chooses to place its proposed SMRP rider rates into effect subject to

refund, Columbia Kentucky should maintain their records in a manner that will enable them, the commission, or any of its customers, to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom the refund is due.

The Commission directs Columbia Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085[1] in which the Commission mandated the use of electronic filing procedures listed in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8. Consistent with the filing procedures set forth in Case No. 2020-00085, the Commission finds that electronic filing procedures should be used.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding is established to investigate the reasonableness of the proposed rates.

2. Columbia Kentucky's proposed rates are suspended for one day up to and including December 31, 2026.

3. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, related to service and electronic filing of papers shall be followed in this proceeding.

4. Columbia Kentucky's proposed SMRP rates may be placed in effect by Columbia Kentucky after December 31, 2026, pending the final Order in this matter and subject to refund, provided Columbia Kentucky files written notice to the Commission of its intention to do so as required by KRS 278.190(2).

[1] Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

5. If Columbia Kentucky files notice of its intention to place the proposed SMRP charges into effect at the end of the suspension period, Columbia Kentucky shall maintain its records in such manner as will allow it, the Commission, or any customer to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom in the event a refund is ordered upon final resolution of this matter.

6. Columbia Kentucky shall respond to all requests for information propounded by Commission Staff, whether identified on the procedural schedule or otherwise, as provided in those requests.

7. As set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11), a person requesting permissive intervention in a Commission proceeding is required to demonstrate either (1) a special interest in the proceeding, which is not adequately represented in the case, or (2) that intervention is likely to present issues or develop facts that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter without unduly complicating or disrupting the proceedings. Therefore, any person requesting to intervene in a Commission proceeding must state with specificity the person's special interest that is not otherwise adequately represented, or the issues and facts the person will present that will assist the Commission in fully considering the matter. A mere recitation of the quantity of the utility service consumed by the movant or a general statement regarding the potential impact of possible modification of rates will not be deemed sufficient to establish a special interest.

Entered on this 2nd day of November, 2026.

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