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Ms. Stephanie Stumbo Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: Case No. 2008-00195 (Application of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.)

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing an original and 10 copies of Interstate Gas Inc.'s Memorandum in Support of Columbia Gas Inc.'s Application in the above-referenced matter. Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Matthew Malone

**Enclosures** 



## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of: : CASE NO. 2008-00195

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS
OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO EXTEND ITS
SMALL VOLUME GAS TRANSPORTATION
SERVICE

SERVICE. :

# MEMORANDUM OF INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC. IN SUPPORT OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY APPLICATION TO EXTEND ITS SMALL VOLUME GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

On or about May 30, 2008, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed an application to extend its Small Volume Gas Transportation Program ("Choice Program"). Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. ("IGSEnergy") is a supplier in the Choice Program and supplies tens of thousands of natural gas customers at the residential and small commercial customer level through the Columbia Choice Program. IGSEnergy is supportive of the Columbia Application and respectfully requests the Commission approve the Application.

As Columbia stated in its Application, the Choice Program has been in existence in the Columbia service territory in various forms since 2000. Through the program, residential and commercial customers have the opportunity to shop in the market and select an alternative provider for their natural gas. Tens of thousands of residential customers have made this selection over the past 8 years and have benefited from having the option to choose. The Columbia Choice program has evolved over the years to provide increasingly higher levels of equity between the customer groups, so that consumers that want to make a choice and select an alternative gas supplier can do so

with increasingly fewer hurdles to make such a selection. Columbia should be commended for their efforts in this regard, and for embracing for their service territory competitive options for consumers. The same benefits that have existed for decades for larger industrial and commercial users are available in the competitive market and through the Choice Program residential and small commercial customers receive these benefits.

Through approval of this Application, the benefits of competitive options remain available for residential and small commercial customers for two more years, through March 31, 2011. Certainly we feel that customers will be well served with the continuation of the Choice Program.

IGSEnergy supports the Application and continuation of the Choice Program in the Columbia of Kentucky service territory. As such, we respectfully request the Commission grant the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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