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November 10, 2010

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.  
Attention: Stephen B. Seiple  
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Re: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.  
Petition for Confidential Protection received 9/10/10  
PSC Reference #: 2010-00365

Dear Mr. Seiple:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on September 10, 2010 on behalf of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Columbia's Gas Price Hedging Plan. The information is more particularly described as containing its Benchmark Price which is used to determine its Trigger Prices and the quantities of gas to be hedged.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Columbia's competitive position in the industry and reveal trade secrets, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Columbia's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

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If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record