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PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2016-00162

Attached is a copy of an electronic mail dated November 4, 2016, from Virginia Gregg, Commission Staff Attorney, to all parties of record. This document has been filed in the record of the above-referenced case. Any comments regarding this correspondence should be submitted to the Commission within five days of receipt of this letter. Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Virginia Gregg, Staff Attorney, at (502) 782-2584.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Talina R. Mathews".

Talina R. Mathews
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Attachment

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From: Gregg, Virginia W (PSC)
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 12:58 PM
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Subject: RE: Case No. 16-162 Columbia Gas Post Hearing Data Requests
Attachments: 16-162 Post Hearing Data Request_11-4-16.docx

All:

Attached is the list of post-hearing data requests that were made at the hearing on 11-1-16. Based on the direction at the hearing, the responses are due next Friday, 11-11-16. I plan on putting a copy of this email in the case file but wanted to get it to you all as soon as possible, thus the email.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Virginia

**CASE NO. 2016-00162
POST HEARING DATA REQUEST**

Herb Miller:

1. Provide the proof of revenue spread sheets that were attached to the Settlement electronically in Excel spread sheet format.
2. List the total number of Columbia employees in 2014, 2015, the base period and the test year.
3. With regard to the additional 30,000 to 100,000 Mcf block that Columbia agreed to include in its Delivery Service declining block rate structure, what is the magnitude of the revenue shift to customers with lower volume usage?
4. Provide the amount of dividends paid in 2011 by Columbia.
5. Based upon scaled back capital projects anticipated for 2017, there is the possibility of a dividend payment in 2017. What is the projected amount of that dividend?

Judy Cooper:

1. Provide a current sample copy of an actual monthly bill for the seven municipals or jurisdictions referenced in Staff's First Request, Item 48, showing the franchise fee listed as a separate line item on the bill.
 - a. If the franchise fee is not listed, explain why.
 - b. If the franchise fees are not listed as a separate line item on the bill but are being recovered, explain where on the bill the franchise fees are included.
2. Provide a schedule showing all of the capital costs, including ROE and long- and short-term debt cost, and the capital structure that will be used for determining the AMRP cost of capital.

Brian J. Noel:

1. Refer to the filing requirement 16(7)(u) Table A regarding amounts charged or allocated to Columbia by an affiliate or general or home office during the test period or during the previous four (4) calendar years (2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015) and to Staff's Second Request for Information, Item 57, for same amounts charged or allocated to Columbia for 2016.

a. With respect to the Basis of Allocations, Methods 1 through 20, and including the Direct Billed to Columbia of KY and NCSC Overheads; provide the types, and dollar amount of costs, and the respective actual formulary calculations, for each of the Methods and for each year.

b. Explain why the amount of Direct Billing to Kentucky increased from \$4,894,794.69 in 2012 to \$6,894,337.50 in 2015 and the basis for the increase in the base year and test year. Provide a detailed breakdown of the actual calculations of the costs by year.

c. Provide a copy of Columbia's cost allocation manual, or other comparable document.

d. Explain why Columbia proposed using the Equal Life Group Depreciation procedure rather than the Average Service Life procedure for computing its depreciation expense for the test year.

2. Refer to the Noel Rebuttal Testimony beginning at page 2 regarding NCSC (NiSource Corporate Services) charges to Columbia.

a. With respect to the four areas that account for over 90 percent of the total proposed increase for NCSC charges, provide a breakdown of the cost attributed to each area and how each cost was allocated to Columbia.

b. With respect to labor and related costs, provide the number of NCSC staff and full time equivalents for calendar years 2014 and 2015, the base period, and the projected level for the calendar 2017 test period.

c. With respect to building rent, provide the basis for the increase including whether the building(s) primarily responsible for the increase is/are owned by NCSC and how the cost was allocated to Columbia.

Kimra Cole:

1. Refer to the employee positions listed in the Cole rebuttal testimony on pages 4-9.

a. For each position that existed prior to calendar year 2014-

i. State the position;

ii. State the current number of employees in each position; and

iii. State whether or not there are current vacancies in any of these positions. If so, how many vacancies?

b. For each position that has been created since calendar year 2013-

i. State the position;

ii. State the current number of employees in each position;

iii. State whether there are current vacancies in any of these positions. If so, how many vacancies? and,

iv. State whether any of the created positions will be eliminated due to a constricted capital budget and general reduction in projects.

2. State the amount of overtime paid in calendar years 2014, 2015, the base period and in the test year?

3. State the costs paid to outside contractors in calendar years 2014, 2015, the base period and in the test year?

4. Provide the average age of Columbia's current workforce.

5. Provide the average age of Columbia's current workforce who are in field positions.

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