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#### In the Matter of: Application of CMTA, Inc., for Declaratory Order - PSC Case Re: No. 2018-00180

Executive Director Pinson:

Please find enclosed and accept for filing in the above-styled matter on behalf of CMTA, Inc., ("CMTA") an original and ten (10) copies of CMTA's Motion to Amend the Application and an original and ten (10) copies of CMTA's Responses to Commission Staff's First Request for Information. Please return a file-stamped copy of this submission to me.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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### CMTA INC.'S RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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#### VERIFICATION OF ROGER MAYBRIER

#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

#### COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Roger Maybrier, Project Manager, CMTA Inc., being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of certain of the responses of CMTA, Inc. to Commission Staff's First Request for Information in the above-referenced case and that the matters and things set forth in his responses are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.

Maybrier

The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this 3/ day of August, 2018, by Roger Maybrier.



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#### CMTA, Inc. Case No. 2018-00180 Commission Staff's First Request for Information

1. Explain whether the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet (Finance Cabinet) performs natural gas leak surveys and patrols on its natural gas pipeline systems.

**Response:** Currently the Finance Cabinet does not operate any gas pipeline systems. Finance maintains natural gas piping in various buildings not owned by the utility, Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

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2. Explain whether the Finance Cabinet intends to perform natural gas leak surveys and patrols on the proposed natural gas pipeline system.

#### **Response:**

Finance will develop an Operations and Maintenance ("O&M") plan for ongoing piping system survey and maintenance. This shall include but not be limited to the following: training, O&M manuals to include documentation of all components installed in the proposed pipeline system, associated O&M information, emergency action plan, detailed site plans depicting the location of the pipeline system, line markers and all critical valves. The manual shall also include procedures for leak surveys, pipeline patrols, and "sniff" testing as outlined in 49 CFR Part 192.

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3. State whether the Finance Cabinet currently operates a master meter system as defined in KRS 278.495 and 49 CFR 191.3.

## **Response:**

The Finance Cabinet does not operate any master meter systems.

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4. If the Commission determined that the proposed natural gas pipeline system was a master meter system subject to the Commission's safety regulations, explain how the proposed project would be altered.

#### **Response:**

The proposed project is being implemented pursuant to K.R. S. 56.770 (Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract). Any requirement for ongoing master meter operating system will be funded via savings generated from the project. Alternatively, those savings would accrue to benefit the Return On Investment ("ROI") for the project.

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5. If the Commission determined that the Finance Cabinet's proposed project would not create a master meter system, explain whether the Finance Cabinet's natural gas pipeline system would be subject to any federal or state safety regulations.

#### **Response:**

In the event the Commission determines the Finance Cabinet's project does not constitute a master meter system, the natural gas piping would not be subject to any federal or state safety regulations to my knowledge. Regardless, the piping system will be installed in compliance with all NFPA, Fuel Gas, IMC and ASHRAE codes and standards.

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6. Identify the natural gas utility that currently provides natural gas service to the Finance Cabinet's Central Utility Plant, and confirm that if the proposed project is completed, the Finance Cabinet will continue to purchase natural gas from the same utility.

#### **Response:**

Currently the natural gas utility provider for the Finance Cabinet's Central Utility Plant is Columbia Gas of Kentucky. After completion of the project, the Finance Cabinet will continue to purchase natural gas from Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

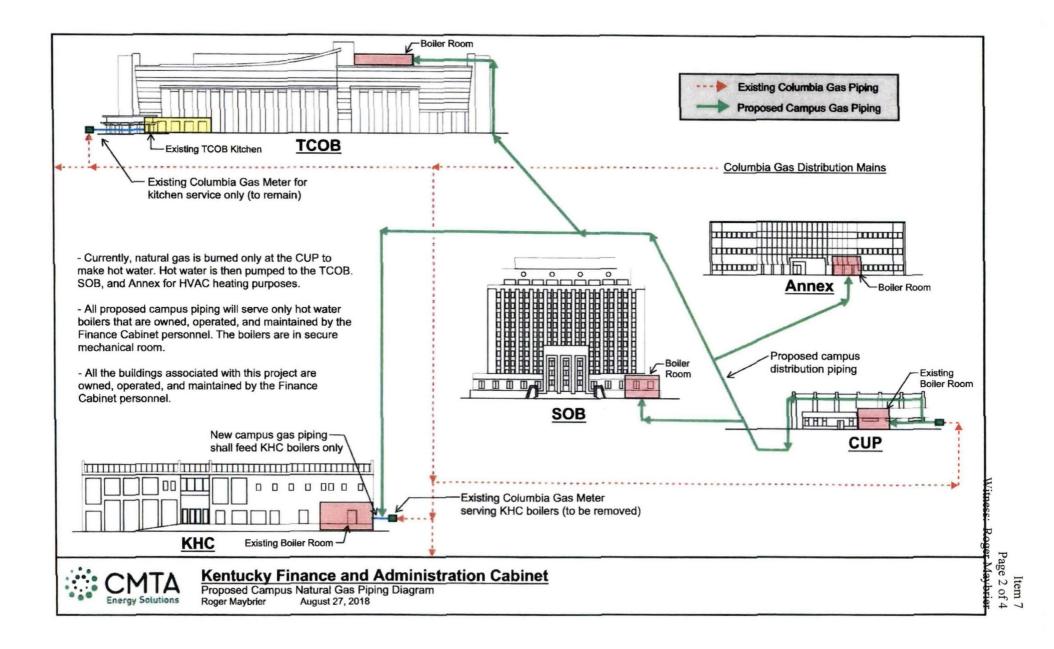
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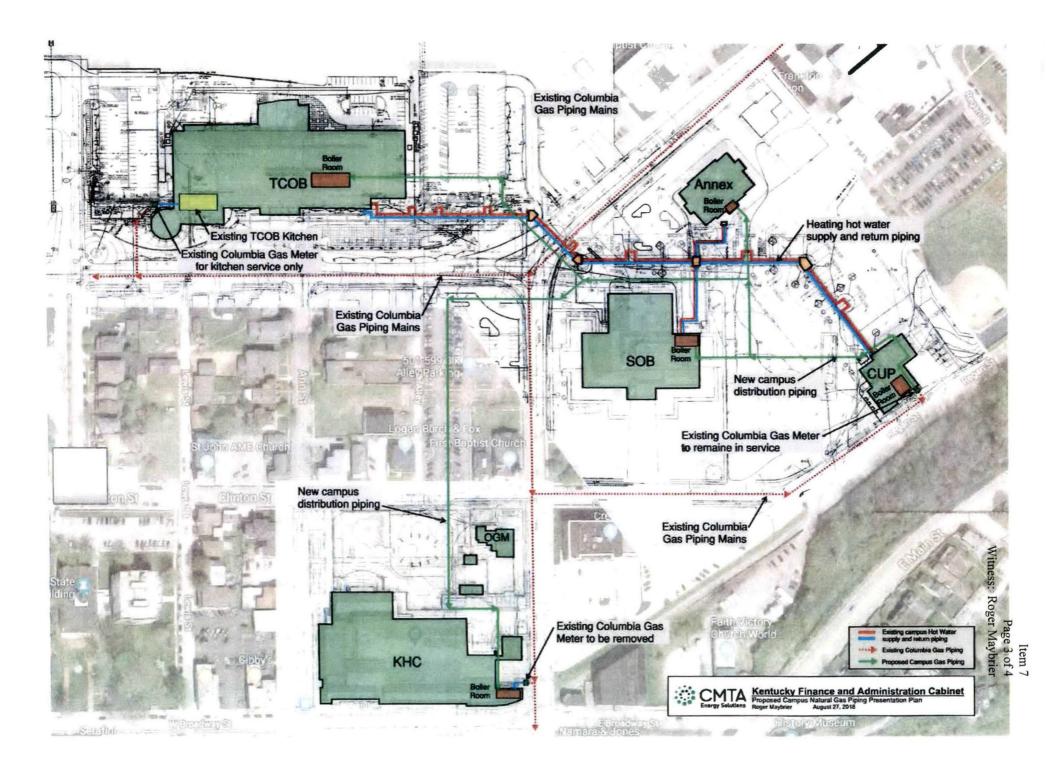
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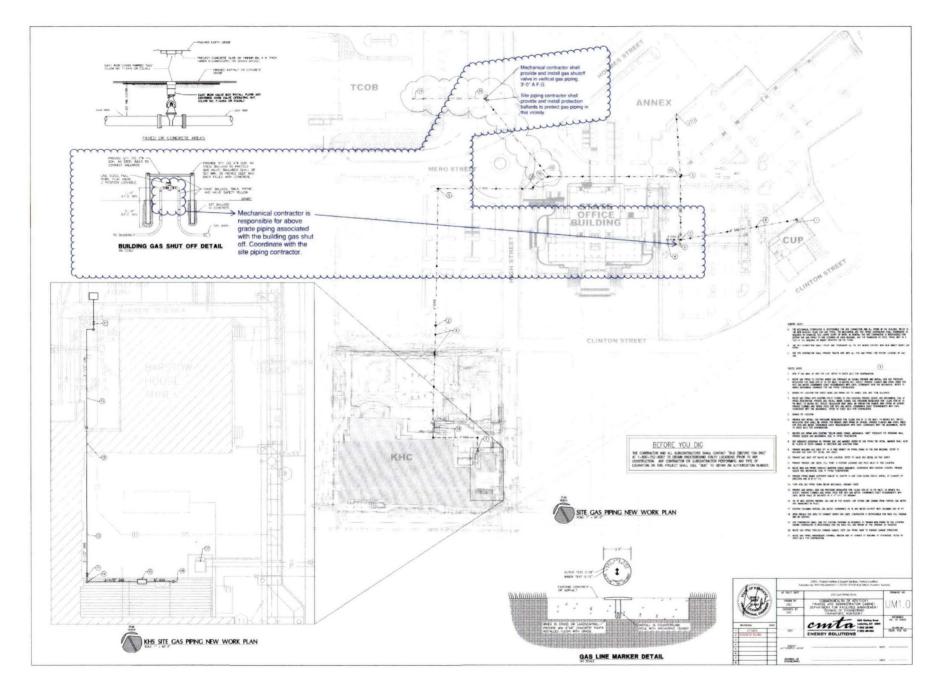
7. Provide a map of or site plan that shows the location of the existing gas meters, the existing service lines, and the meters proposed to be installed as part of the project.

### **Response:**

Please see attached.







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- 8. Refer to CMTA's July 13, 2018 supplemental filing, Exhibit A.
  - a. Confirm that the proposed new gas service line to the Kentucky State Office Building will only be sued to supply natural gas to new gas boilers that will provide heat and hot water to the building.
  - b. Confirm that the natural gas will not be provided to or consumed by concessionaires, tenants, etc. in the Kentucky State Office Building.
  - c. Confirm that the proposed new gas service line to the Kentucky State Office Building Annex will only be used to supply natural gas to new gas boilers that will provide heat and hot water to the building.
  - d. Confirm that natural gas will not be provided to or consumed by concessionaires, tenants, etc. in the Kentucky State Office Building Annex.
  - e. Confirm that the proposed new gas service line to the Transportation Cabinet Office Building will only be used to supply natural gas to new gas boilers that will provide heat and hot water to the building.
  - f. Confirm that natural gas will not be provided to or consumed by concessionaires, tenants, etc. in the Transportation Cabinet Office Building.
  - g. Identify who will own, operate and maintain the new gas boilers proposed to be installed as part of the project.

### **Response:**

- a. The new natural gas service line to the Kentucky State Office Building will only serve four (4) new high efficiency natural gas boilers, owned and operated by the Finance Cabinet, for the purposes of providing heating hot water to the HVAC system. Note that domestic hot water is provided via existing hot water heaters.
- b. The new natural gas piping provided in this project is for the sole purposes of providing heating hot water to the HVAC system. The new piping will only extend to the new boilers. No other equipment in the building will be connected to this piping system.

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- c. The new natural gas service line to the Kentucky State Office Building Annex will only serve two (2) high efficiency natural gas boilers, owned and operated by the Finance Cabinet, for the purposes of providing heating hot water to the JVAC system. Note that domestic hot water is provided via existing electric hot water heaters.
- d. Please see response b above.
- e. The new natural gas service line to the Transportation Cabinet Office Building will only serve six (6) new high efficiency natural gas boilers, owned and operated by the Finance Cabinet, for the purposes of providing heating hot water to the HVAC system. Note that domestic hot water is provided via existing electric hot water heaters.
- f. Please see response b above.
- g. The new high efficiency natural gas boilers installed in this project will be owned, operated and maintained by Finance Cabinet personnel.

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- 9. Refer to CMTA's Application, page 3, paragraph h. CMTA asserts that there is an existing, separately metered, gas meter located at the Transportation Cabinet Office Building that serves the kitchen equipment in that building, and as part of the proposed project the meter will remain in service only providing natural gas to the kitchen cooking appliances.
  - a. Identify the natural gas utility that provides natural gas to this meter.
  - b. State whether the service line that transports gas to this meter is directly connected to the utility's distribution line.
  - c. Identify any changes to the service line that transports gas to this meter that will be made as part of the project.
  - d. CMTA states that the kitchen is state-operated, and rent is based upon the square footage of the leased premises only. Provide the names of the entities that lease the kitchen space from the Finance Cabinet, and therefore utilizes the natural gas provided to the kitchen appliances.

#### **Response:**

- a. The natural gas utility provider for said meter is Columbia Gas of Kentucky. Upon completion of the project the Finance Cabinet will continue to purchase natural gas from Columbia Gas of Kentucky for this meter.
- b. The service line that transports gas to this meter is directly connected to Columbia Gas of Kentucky's distribution line.
- c. There will not be any changes made to the piping system associated with said meter as part of this project.
- d. Kentucky Transportation Cabinet pays rent for the space and the Kentucky Office for the Blind utilizes and operates the kitchen.

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- 10. Refer to CMTA's Application, page 4, paragraph j. CMTA assets that the Finance Cabinet leases each building space based only upon the square footage of the building, and does not factor utility usage into the lease amount.
  - a. Explain whether the Finance Cabinet or the natural gas utility issues the tenants a separate bill for utility usage.
  - b. If not, explain how the Finance Cabinet can formulate a lease amount without either calculating utility costs into the lease or separately charging tenants for utility costs.
  - c. Provide the Finance Cabinet's calculation for the lease cost for buildings included in this project.

#### **Response:**

- a. The Finance Cabinet does not issue the tenant a separate bill for utility usage. The natural gas utility does not issue the tenants a separate bill for utility usage.
- b. The Finance Cabinet uses a statewide rate structure for leased state agency space. The cost for ongoing operations, maintenance and utilities are all included in the rate structure. This normalizes state wide leased space costs for state agencies, which assists in biannual budgeting.
- c. State Office Building, State Office Building Annex and Transportation Building are calculated as follows:

Office Rental Rate - \$8.24 per square foot Office Utility Rate - \$3.86 per square foot

Please note that the Office Utility Rate is a statewide rate and includes items such as janitorial services as well.