

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS	)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF	)	2020-00355
KENTUCKY, INC.	)	

ORDER

On October 26, 2020, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky) filed its proposed Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) report to be effective November 25, 2020. Columbia Kentucky's previous rate was approved in Case No. 2020-00253.<sup>1</sup>

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Columbia Kentucky's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.
2. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$4.5816 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.3622 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$3.2194 per Mcf.
3. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a rate for Banking and Balancing Service of \$.0216 per Mcf.
4. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out no supplier Refund Adjustment (RA), which is no change from its previous total RA.

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00253, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC Aug. 20, 2020).

5. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a current quarter Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) of (\$.0958) per Mcf. Columbia Kentucky's total ACA is (\$.5384) per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.0641 per Mcf from its previous total ACA of (\$.4743) per Mcf.

6. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a Balancing Adjustment (BA) of (\$.0061) per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.0291 per Mcf from its previous BA of (\$.0352) per Mcf.

7. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out no Special Agency Service (SAS) refund adjustment, which is no change from its previous SAS refund adjustment.

8. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a Performance-Based Rate (PBR) Adjustment of \$.2167 per Mcf.

9. Columbia Kentucky's GCA is \$4.2538 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.3272 per Mcf from the previous GCA of \$2.9266 per Mcf.

10. The rates as proposed by Columbia Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix A to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable and should be approved for billing with the final meter readings beginning on November 25, 2020.

11. Should Columbia Kentucky purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCA reports then the supplier, cost, and amount must be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

12. As ordered by the Commission in Case No. 2018-00150,<sup>2</sup> Columbia Kentucky's future GCA reports should include an electronic version containing supporting

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<sup>2</sup> Case No. 2018-00150, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC May 16, 2018).

calculations in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas intact and unprotected, and with all columns and rows accessible.

13. The Commission finds that Columbia Kentucky should file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCA report for rates effective for the March 2021 billing cycle.

a. Pursuant to the Commission's Orders in Case No. 2020-00085,<sup>3</sup> issued March 16, 2020, and March 24, 2020, Columbia Kentucky SHALL NOT FILE the original paper copy of all requested information at this time, but rather shall file original paper copies within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. All responses in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

b. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

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<sup>3</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

c. Columbia Kentucky shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information that indicates the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.

d. For any request to which Columbia Kentucky fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, Columbia Kentucky shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

e. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

f. When filing a paper containing personal information Columbia Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Columbia Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix A to this Order are approved for billing beginning on November 25, 2020.

2. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, Columbia Kentucky shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

3. Columbia Kentucky's future GCA reports shall include the information required in finding paragraph 12.

4. Columbia Kentucky shall file responses to the requests for information set forth in Appendix B to this Order when it files its next GCA report for rates effective for the March 2021 billing cycle.

5. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

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By the Commission

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ATTEST:



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Deputy Executive Director

Case No. 2020-00355

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00355 DATED NOV 24 2020

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE BILLING RATES

	Base Rate <u>Charge</u>	Gas Cost Adjustment <sup>1/</sup> <u>Demand</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	Total Billing <u>Rate</u>
<u>SALES SERVICE</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>RATE SCHEDULE GSR</u>				
Delivery Charge per Mcf	3.5665	1.4516	2.8022	7.8203
<u>RATE SCHEDULE GSO</u>				
<u>Commercial or Industrial</u>				
First 50 Mcf or less per billing period	3.0181	1.4516	2.8022	7.2719
Next 350 Mcf per billing period	2.3295	1.4516	2.8022	6.5833
Next 600 Mcf per billing period	2.2143	1.4516	2.8022	6.4681
Over 1,000 Mcf per billing period	2.0143	1.4516	2.8022	6.2681
<u>RATE SCHEDULE IS</u>				
First 30,000 Mcf per billing period	0.6285		2.8022 <sup>2/</sup>	3.4307
Next 70,000 Mcf per billing period	0.3737		2.8022 <sup>/</sup>	3.1759
Over 100,000 Mcf per billing period	0.3247		2.8022 <sup>/</sup>	3.1269
Firm Service Demand Charge				
Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		7.1798		7.1798

<sup>1</sup> The Gas Cost Adjustment, as shown, is an adjustment per Mcf determined in accordance with the "Gas Cost Adjustment Clause" as set forth on Sheets 48 through 51 of Columbia Kentucky's Tariff. The Gas Cost Adjustment applicable to a customer who is receiving service under Rate Schedule GS or IUS and received service under Rate Schedule SVGTS shall be \$4.5816 per Mcf only for those months of the prior 12 months during which they were served under Rate Schedule SVGTS.

<sup>2</sup> IS customers may be subject to the Demand Gas Cost under the conditions set forth on Sheets 14 and 15 of Columbia Kentucky's Tariff.

RATE SCHEDULE IUS

Delivery Charge per Mcf	1.1544	1.4516	2.8022	5.4082
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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE SS

Standby Service Demand Charge per Mcf				
Demand Charge times Daily Firm				
Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		7.1798		7.1798
Standby Service Commodity Charge per Mcf			2.8022	2.8022

RATE SCHEDULE DS

Banking and Balancing Service				
Rate per Mcf		0.0216		0.0216

RATE SCHEDULE MLDS

Banking and Balancing Service				
Rate per Mcf		0.0216		0.0216

RATE SCHEDULE SVGTS

Base Rate  
\$

General Service Residential (SGVTS GSR)

Delivery Charge per Mcf	3.5665
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General Service Other—Commercial or Industrial (SVGTS GSO)

First 50 Mcf or less per billing period	3.0181
Next 350 Mcf per billing period	2.3295
Next 600 Mcf per billing period	2.2143
Over 1,000 Mcf per billing period	2.0143

Intrastate Utility Service

Delivery Charge per Mcf	1.1544
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Billing Rate  
\$

<u>Actual Gas Cost Adjustment</u> <sup>3</sup>	\$(0.4698)
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RATE SCHEDULE SVAS

Balancing Charge—per Mcf	1.1003
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<sup>3</sup> The Gas Cost Adjustment is applicable to a customer who is receiving service under Rate Schedule SVGTS and received service under Rate Schedule GS, IS, or IUS for only those months of the prior 12 months during which they were served under Rate Schedule GS, IS, or IUS.



## APPENDIX B

### APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2020-00355 DATED NOV 24 2020

1. Provide a customer billing history report for a random Columbia Kentucky residential customer for each month in the 12-month reporting period ended November 2020. Redact any personal information from the report, such as customer name, customer address, and any additional identifiable information. The report should be sure to include the monthly usage, the rates billed, the meter reading dates, and the GCA rate billed.

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