

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA)	
GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ITS ANNUAL)	CASE NO.
SAFETY MODIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT)	2023-00335
PROGRAM FILING)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested is due on March 22, 2024. The Commission directs Columbia Kentucky to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085¹ regarding filings with the Commission. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the question to which the response is made, and 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 association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the

¹ Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC July 22, 2021), Order (in which the Commission ordered that for case filings made on and after March 16, 2020, filers are NOT required to file the original physical copies of the filings required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8).

response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

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

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.

Careful attention shall 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. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. 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 personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to Columbia Kentucky's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information (Staff's First Request), Item 1. In Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, rows, and columns unprotected and fully accessible, provide a version of Columbia Kentucky's Application without updates to the 2023 revenue requirement to reflect actual financial results for January through August 2023 and without reforecasting September 2023 through December 2023.

2. Refer to Columbia Kentucky's Response to Staff's First Request, Item 1, regarding the statement, "Variances in the estimates of 2023 cumulative totals for investments have a de minimis effect on the rates that are at issue in this case as the 2023 estimated total investment of \$41,62,524 is unchanged."

a. Confirm whether the 2023 estimated total investment amount stated should instead be \$41,642,524.

b. Given the statement provided, explain why Columbia Kentucky updated and reforecasted its financial results for 2023.

3. Refer to Columbia Kentucky's current Safety Modification and Replacement Programs (SMRP) Rider, Twenty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 58.

a. Confirm whether Columbia Kentucky's SMRP tariff provides that the Rider SMRP will be updated annually in an October 15th filing to reflect the expected impact on Columbia Kentucky's revenue requirements of forecasted net plant additions, and subsequently in a March 31st filing its forecast is to be adjusted to true up the actual costs with the projected costs for the previous 12 months ended December.

b. If confirmed, explain how Columbia Kentucky's proposed methodology for its SMRP conforms to the provisions of its SMRP Rider Tariff.



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