

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS)	CASE NO.
OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR TARIFF SMRP)	2025-00071
BALANCING ADJUSTMENT)	

ORDER

On March 31, 2025, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky) filed its annual balancing adjustment (BA) to revise its Safety Modification and Replacement Program (SMRP) Rider rates. Columbia Kentucky proposed an effective date of May 30, 2025.¹

KRS 278.030 provides that a utility may collect fair, just and reasonable rates and that the service it provides must be adequate, efficient and reasonable. Having reviewed the proposed tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that an investigation is necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed tariff and that such investigation cannot be completed May 30, 2025. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission should suspend the effective date of the proposed SMRP rates for one day until May 31, 2025, to give the Commission time to investigate the SMRP rates, and to allow Columbia Kentucky to begin charging the SMRP rates, pending a final Order and subject to refund, provided it supplies written notice to the Commission of its intention to do so as required by KRS 278.190(2). If Columbia Kentucky places proposed rates into effect subject to refund prior to a final Order being

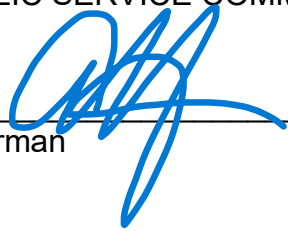
¹ The Direct Testimony of Jeffrey Gore (filed March 31, 2025) at 5, line 2-4.

issued in this matter, Columbia Kentucky should maintain their records in a manner as will enable them, or the commission, or any of its customers, to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom due in the event a refund is ordered.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Columbia Kentucky's proposed SMRP rates are suspended for one day, to May 31, 2025.
2. Columbia Kentucky's proposed SMRP rates may be placed in effect by Columbia Kentucky on or after May 31, 2025, pending the final Order in this matter and subject to refund, provided Columbia Kentucky provides written notice to the Commission of its intention to do so as required by KRS 278.190(2).
3. If Columbia Kentucky places proposed rates into effect subject to refund prior to a final Order being issued in this matter, Columbia Kentucky shall maintain their records in a manner as will enable them, or the commission, or any of its customers, to determine the amounts to be refunded and to whom due in the event a refund is ordered.

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