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Re: Columbia Gas of Kentucky - Petition for Confidential Treatment received

November 25, 2008 - PSC Reference -- Case No. 2004-00462

Dear Sir\Madam:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on November 25, 2008 on behalf of Columbia Gas of Kentucky to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential under Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870 et. seq. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as certain information filed in Columbia Gas of Kentucky's initial Hedging Report for the 2008-2009 heating season, and more specifically described as its "benchmark price". Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the information is confidential and proprietary information relevant to pricing information and hedging strategies from which its trigger price, which was previously afforded confidential protection could be ascertained via its benchmark price.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, section 7, the Commission has determined that the information you seek to keep confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to your client's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential meets the criteria for confidential protection and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.



If the information becomes publically available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Columbia Gas of Kentucky is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely

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Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record

