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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

RE: Case No. 2005-00444 Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

I, Beth O'Donnell, Executive Director of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the addressee by U.S. Mail on November 28, 2005.

Executive Director

BOD/sh Enclosure



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

NOTICE OF PURCHASED GAS)	
ADJUSTMENT FILING OF COLUMBIA)	CASE NO. 2005-00444
GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)	

ORDER

On December 13, 2002, in Case No. 2002-00145,¹ the Commission approved rates for Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with Columbia's gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause.

On October 31, 2005, Columbia filed its proposed GCA to be effective November 29, 2005. Columbia requests a waiver of the 30-day notice period in order to implement its revised rates with its December billing cycle. As KRS 278.180(2) permits the Commission to shorten the required notice period for good cause, the Commission finds the utility's request should be granted.

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

- 1. Columbia's notice includes rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
- 2. Columbia's revised expected gas cost ("EGC") is \$15.3548 per Mcf, an increase of \$2.3322 per Mcf from its last EGC of \$13.0226.
- 3. Columbia's notice sets out a rate for Banking and Balancing Service of 2.05 cents per Mcf.
 - 4. Columbia's notice sets out no take-or-pay refund adjustment.

¹ Case No. 2002-00145, Adjustment of Gas Rates of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., Order dated December 13, 2002.

5. Columbia's notice sets out no transportation take-or-pay refund

adjustment.

6. Columbia's notice sets out a current quarter refund adjustment ("RA") of

(.01) cent per Mcf. Columbia's notice sets out a total RA of (1.71) cent per Mcf, an

increase of .03 cent from the prior RA.

7. Columbia's notice sets out an annual actual cost adjustment ("ACA") of

(70.33) cents per Mcf, which is no change from the previous rate.

8. Columbia's notice sets out a balancing adjustment ("BA") of .51 cent per

Mcf, which is no change from the previous rate.

9. Columbia's notice sets out a Special Agency Service refund adjustment of

(.01) cent per Mcf. which is no change from the previous rate.

10. Columbia's approved gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") is \$14.6394 per Mcf,

which is \$2.3325 per Mcf more than its previous GCR of \$12.3069.

11. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and

should be approved for billing with the final meter readings of the first billing cycle of

December 2005, beginning on November 29, 2005.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the rates in the Appendix to this Order are

approved for billing with the final meter readings beginning on November 29, 2005.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of November, 2005.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Case No. 2005-00444

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2005-00444 DATED November 28, 2005.

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 authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Gas Cost Recovery Rate

The total Gas Cost Recovery Rate shall be \$14.6394 per Mcf effective November 29, 2005.