

Columbia Gas<sup>®</sup>  
of Kentucky

A NiSource Company

P.O. Box 14241  
2001 Mercer Road  
Lexington, KY 40512-4241

Ms. Beth O'Donnell  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
P. O. Box 615  
Frankfort, KY 40602

RE: Case No. 2006- 00020

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PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

On December 15, 2005 the City of Irvine, Kentucky advertised for bids for a natural gas franchise. A copy of the advertisement is attached. Also attached are an original and ten copies of Columbia's application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to bid on the subject franchise.

The City of Irvine had established December 30, 2005 as the deadline for bids. However, no bids were received and the City has indicated a late filed bid to be acceptable. Columbia respectfully requests the Commission's prompt attention to the attached application so that Columbia may submit its bid.

Please contact Judy Cooper at (859) 288-0242 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Stephen B. Seiple*

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Lead Counsel

cc: Richard S. Taylor

*Attn: Judy Cooper.  
Hope this is what you needed.  
Earline*

**Monday at 1 p.m.  
Irvine City Hall  
Irvine, February, April,  
June, August, October.**

Adjustment Center in Beattyville, Kentucky has the following openings:

Officers-High School diploma/GED or equivalent 21 years of age. Valid driver's license is required. 81 per hour. Completion of 3 months of service. \$11 to \$8.05 per hour. Completion of 6 months of service increased to \$8.29 per hour.

of an accredited college, university or nursing degree/diploma in nursing. Must possess current state of employment. Valid driver's license is required from an accredited college or university degree in a social or behavioral science or close to 2 years experience in the field of criminal justice. License is required.

Online at [www.correctionscorp.com](http://www.correctionscorp.com), or at the day, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Center, 2648 Fairground Ridge Road, 311. Candidates must call or fax resumes: Manager Human Resources at 604-464-6644.

Retirement plan provided by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Kentucky. For more information, contact the plan administrator at 604-464-6644. and a 401-K retirement plan. Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/V/D.

and computer ability. Pre-employment drug and alcohol screening required.

Send resume with salary expectation to:  
**Publisher  
P.O. Box 660  
Irvine, KY 40336**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, KENTUCKY CREATING A GAS DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE, DEFINING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREOF AND PROVIDING FOR BID PROCEDURE**

**"BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF IRVINE, KENTUCKY"**

An ordinance creating a franchise not to exceed ten (10) years nonexclusive franchise for a gas distribution system within the confines of the City of Irvine, said franchise providing for rights and privileges of the franchise, construction and maintenance of pipelines or other installations, duty of franchisee to relocate to planned construction or appurtenances, duty of franchisee with respect to gas to be supplied, testing of meters, safety standards to be maintained, liability of franchisee, access to property of franchisee, notice of application to public service commission, assignment, bid procedure, consideration, payment, violations, repeal, severability of ordinance and effective date of ordinance.

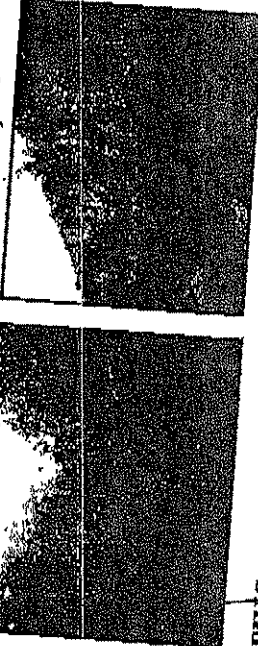
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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, KENTUCKY ADOPTING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE**

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. )  
FOR ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF )  
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY ) Case No. 2006-  
TO BID ON A GAS DISTRIBUTION )  
FRANCHISE IN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS )  
OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, KENTUCKY )  
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**APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.**

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The petition of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") respectfully states:

(A) That applicant is engaged in the business of furnishing natural gas services to the public in certain counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to authority granted by the Commission.

(B) That applicant's full name and post office address is:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.  
2001 Mercer Road  
P.O. Box 14241  
Lexington, KY 40512-4241

(C) That Columbia's Articles of Incorporation previously have been filed with the Commission in Case No. 2000-129 and are incorporated herein by reference.

(D) That no other person, partnership, firm or corporation is furnishing gas distribution service in the franchise area as of the date of the filing of this Application.

(E) Attached hereto is Ordinance No. 11-05 adopted by the City of Irvine, Kentucky

on November 28, 2005. Said Ordinance reflects the decision of the City of Irvine, Kentucky to advertise for bids for a natural gas franchise. Said advertisement was published as a legal notice in *The Citizen's Voice & Times* on December 15, 2005.

(F) The need and demand for gas distribution service within the corporation limits of the City of Irvine is shown by the fact that Columbia serves approximately 798 customers in the city at the present time. There exists a public necessity for adequate service of natural gas to the citizens of Irvine, Kentucky.

(G) Columbia desires to acquire said franchise for gas distribution service in the City of Irvine, Kentucky and submit a bid pursuant to the city's published legal notice and its willingness to accept a bid out of time.

**WHEREFORE**, Columbia respectfully requests that the Public Service Commission make its order issuing a certificate of public convenience and necessity that authorizes Columbia to acquire the gas distribution franchise from the City of Irvine, Kentucky, for the reasons described herein.

Dated at Columbus, Ohio, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
PUBLIC AUCTION OF GAS DISTRIBUTION FRANCHISE  
CITY OF IRVINE, KENTUCKY  
PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 11-05

By ordinance adopted on the 28 day of Nov., 2005, the City of Irvine adopted a Gas Distribution Franchise authorizing the Mayor or his designated subordinate to offer for sale at public auction said franchise and privilege.

The terms of the public auction are as follows:

All bids and proposals for the purchase and acquisition of the franchise and privilege shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Mayor or his designated subordinate by 4:00 p.m. on the 30 day of December, 2005.

Each bid shall be accompanied by cash or a certified check drawn on a bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or a national bank, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the fair estimated cost of the plant required to render the service, which check or cash shall be forfeited to the City in case the bid should be accepted and the bidder should fail, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the sale, to pay the price and to give a good and sufficient bond in a sum equal to one-fourth (1/4) of the fair estimated cost of the plant to be erected, conditioned that it shall be enforceable in case the purchaser should fail, within nine (9) months, to establish and begin rendering the service in the manner set forth in this ordinance; but such deposit need not be made by a corporation already in the limits of the City a plant and equipment sufficient to render the service required by this ordinance.

The Mayor shall report and deliver all bids to the Board of Council, at the time of its next regularly scheduled meeting, for its approval. The said Board of Council reserves the right, for and in behalf of the City, to reject any and all bids for said franchise and privileges.

A complete copy of said ordinance is available from the City Clerk, Irvine City Hall, 142 Broadway.