### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT	)	
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF	)	CASE NO. 2009-00036
KENTUCKY, INC.	)	

# ORDER

On August 29, 2007, in Case No. 2007-00008,<sup>1</sup> 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 February 2, 2009, Columbia filed its proposed GCA to be effective March 2, 2009.

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 \$8.1854 per Mcf, a decrease of \$4.2169 per Mcf from its last EGC of \$12.4023.
- 3. Columbia's notice sets out a rate for Banking and Balancing Service of \$.0208 per Mcf.
- 4. Columbia's notice sets out no Transportation Take-or-Pay Refund Adjustment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2007-00008, Adjustment of Rates of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

- 5. Columbia's notice sets out a current quarter supplier Refund Adjustment ("RA") of (\$.0053). Columbia's notice sets out a total RA of (\$.0063) per Mcf, which is no change from the prior RA.
- 6. Columbia's notice sets out an annual Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") of \$1.4238 per Mcf, which is no change from the previous rate.
- 7. Columbia's notice sets out a Balancing Adjustment ("BA") of \$.4613 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$1.0395 from the previous BA of (\$.5782).
- 8. Columbia's notice sets out a Special Agency Service refund adjustment of (\$.0002) per Mcf, which is no change from the previous rate.
- 9. Columbia's notice sets out a Gas Cost Incentive Adjustment of \$.0584 per Mcf, which is a \$.0311 increase from the previous rate of \$.0273.
- 10. Columbia's approved Gas Cost Recovery rate ("GCR") is \$10.1224 per Mcf, which is \$3.1463 per Mcf less than the previous GCR of \$13.2687.
- 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 March 2009, beginning on March 2, 2009.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for billing with the final meter readings beginning on March 2, 2009.
- 2. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Columbia shall file with this Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 27th day of February, 2009.

By the Commission

ATTEST

Executive Director

#### APPENDIX

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2009-00036 DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2009

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 the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

# Gas Cost Recovery Rate

The total Gas Cost Recovery Rate shall be \$10.1224 per Mcf effective March 2, 2009.

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