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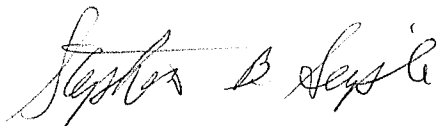
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

RE: Case No. 2009-00141

Dear Mr. Derouen,

Enclosed for docketing with the Commission is an original and ten copies of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.'s responses to the Initial Request for Information on Behalf of the Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholas Counties. Should you have any questions about this filing, please contact me at 614-460-4648. Thank you!

Sincerely,

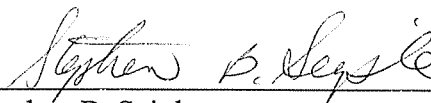


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Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing responses of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., were served upon all parties of record by regular U. S. mail this 16th day of June, 2009.



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**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 001:

How many Columbia Gas residential accounts were shut off for non-payment in each year 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008?

Response:

Year	Residential Turn Offs for Non-Payment
2005	9691
2006	10,611
2007	7612
2008	8641

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 002:

How many Columbia Gas residential accounts were shut off for non-payment in the time period January 1, 2009 through the latest date in 2009 for which records are available?

Response:

The number of residential accounts turned off for non payment from January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009 is 4,476.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 003:

How many Columbia Gas residential accounts received payments from a third-party assistance program or agency (LIHEAP, WinterCare, etc.) in each year 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and through the latest date in 2009 for which records are available?

Response:

The total number of third-party assistance payments received by Columbia in each year for residential accounts are shown below. Some residential accounts may have received the benefit of more than one form of assistance payment.

2005	7,309
2006	7,543
2007	7,372
2008	6,268
2009	5,184

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 004:

What is the total amount of funding Columbia Gas has contributed in each year 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 to programs or organizations that directly assist its customers who have difficulty paying their bills? This response should break down ratepayer vs. shareholder funding.

Response:

The total amount of energy assistance funding by Columbia Gas is as follows:

Year	Source of Funds		Total
	Ratepayer	Shareholder	
2005	\$515,800	\$194,242	\$710,042
2006	\$431,835	\$195,786	\$627,621
2007	\$516,480	\$195,447	\$711,927
2008	\$538,664	\$207,768	\$746,432
2009	\$338,288	\$86,663	\$424,951

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 005:

How much have Columbia Gas ratepayers, through voluntary donations given through billing statements, contributed to the WinterCare Energy Fund in each year 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009?

Response:

2005	\$43,145.00
2006	\$41,844.72
2007	\$38,894.49
2008	\$37,779.39
2009	\$15,268.00

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 006:

How many Columbia Gas ratepayers, through voluntary donations given through billing statements, contributed to the WinterCare Energy Fund in each year 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009?

Response:

Please see response to CAC Set 1 No. 5.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 007:

Please provide a list of Kentucky counties in which Columbia Gas provides service and the number of residential customers in each of those counties.

Response:

See attached.

COUNTIES SERVED BY COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY,INC. MAY 2009	
COUNTY-NAME	RESIDENTIAL
BATH	3
BOURBON	2,818
BOYD	9,697
BRACKEN	130
CARTER	4
CLARK	5,884
CLAY	12
ESTILL	1,503
FAYETTE	63,682
FLOYD	823
FRANKLIN	10,437
GREENUP	6,647
HARRISON	1,669
JESSAMINE	696
JOHNSON	27
KNOTT	187
LAWRENCE	926
LEE	4
LETCHER	1
LEWIS	77
MADISON	525
MARTIN	782
MASON	2,492
MENIFEE	47
MONTGOMERY	2,518
MORGAN	9
NICHOLAS	25
OWSLEY	20
PIKE	575
ROBERTSON	10
SCOTT	4,849
WOODFORD	4,426
	121,505

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 008:

What is the current, average, total monthly cost for all residential customers of Columbia Gas (including all charges)?

Response:

Please see Schedule N, Pages 1 and 2 of 30, Line 4, Column H, the amount is \$81.65 based upon gas cost of \$10.1224 per Mcf. As of June 2009, Columbia's revised gas cost is \$7.9067 per Mcf, so the total would be \$ 68.36.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 009:

Based on the requested residential rate increase, what will be the real dollar annual increase for the average Columbia Gas residential customer in Year 1? And in Year 2?

Response:

Please see Schedule N, Pages 1 and 2 of 30, Line 4, Column E. The dollar amount in Year 1 is \$6.73 and the dollar amount in Year 2 is \$6.58. The amounts are not cumulative.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 010:

Assuming approval of the requested residential rate increase, what will be the estimated average, total monthly cost for residential customers in Year 1? And in Year 2?

Response:

Please see Schedule N, Pages 1 and 2 of 30, Line 4, Column I. The amount in Year 1 is \$88.38 and the amount in Year 2 is \$88.23. Based upon Columbia's current gas cost of \$7.9067 per Mcf, the amounts would be \$75.09 in Year 1 and \$74.94 in Year 2.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 011:

Please provide the unduplicated number (customers who were late multiple times should be counted only once) of residential accounts which were paid late at any time in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and thus far in 2009.

Response:

The requested information is not available.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.
RESPONSE TO FIRST DATA SET OF CAC**

Data Request 012:

Please provide the number of residential accounts which were assessed a reconnect fee at least one time in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and thus far in 2009.

Response:

Not all of the requested information is available. The number of residential accounts assessed a reconnect fee at least one time in the periods available is shown below:

Time Period	Customers Assessed RC Fee at Least One Time
May -Dec 2007	2,702
Jan - Dec 2008	3,828
Jan - May 2009	1,231