COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

HEATHER RAE MCATEE)
COMPLAINANT	
V.) CASE NO.) 2009-00173
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)
DEFENDANT)

ORDER TO SATISFY OR ANSWER

Columbia Gas of Kentucky ("Columbia") is hereby notified that it has been named as defendant in a formal complaint filed on April 24, 2009, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 12, Columbia is HEREBY ORDERED to satisfy the matters complained of or file a written answer to the complaint within 10 days of the date of service of this Order.

Should documents of any kind be filed with the Commission in the course of this proceeding, the documents shall also be served on all parties of record.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



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(b)	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	
	(Name of Utility)	
	PO Box 14241, Lexington, KY 45012-4241	
	(Address of Utility)	
(C)	That: See attached	
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	the specific act, fully and clearly, or facts that are the reason	
	and basis for the complaint.)	

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I am filing a complaint as a result of receiving two supplemental gas bills dated 4/3/09 and 4/15/09 which claim that I owe an additional \$2,425.12 for the period from 11/07 to 4/09. Columbia Gas claims that they were unable to read my meter during this 16 month period and have guestimated that I used this extremely high amount of gas.

From the time I moved into this residence on June 18, 2007 through August 2008, I paid my bills as the gas accrued. However, in August 2008, I began a budget billing at a monthly rate of \$142.00. Interestingly, three days earlier, the monthly rate had been quoted at \$102.00. I believed that the rate had been adjusted after an actual reading of my meter.

I am now advised that Columbia Gas has not been able to read my meter since November 2007 and have calculated my gas usage. I am confused as this new calculated rate claims my gas usage has tripled. I have asked Columbia Gas to justify this calculation and they have refused to do so. In that I am a single person with a 1561 square foot home that uses gas only for heat and water, I find a yearly gas usage rate of \$4,500.00 both outrageous and unreasonable. I have regularly paid my gas bills and am of the opinion that I have paid in full for the gas I have used.

I will now set forth the detailed facts that explain the situation above:

I was contacted by telephone during the week of March 30, 2009 by Columbia Gas. They stated that the meter reader was not able to read my meter due to the fact that there was a locked gate and dogs in the backyard. I explained to the woman from Columbia Gas that the gate was actually my neighbor's gate and the dogs were theirs as well. They are indoor dogs that are only let out in the fenced backyard when they need to go out. I told the woman that the neighbors were very nice and would let the meter reader in the gate.

I received another call on April 2, 2009 from Columbia Gas stating that my reading seemed extremely high and that the meter was going to be read again. They asked me to unlock my gate and make sure my dogs were inside. I once again explained that this was my neighbor's fence and the dogs were my neighbors. About 3 hours later, I received a call from Caroline Woodford at Columbia Gas explaining that the reading was still showing that it was extremely high, to the level that I might have a gas leak. She stated that she was going to initiate a "High Bill Inquiry". She would not tell me the amount that she thought I might owe, even though I asked several times. During this conversation, I learned that the last actual reading of my meter was Nov 2007. It has been 16 months since the meter was read. She stated that due to the fence and the dogs, the meter could not be read. I asked several times why I was not contacted about this issue. There was never a note left on my door or a phone call made to me to let me know that there was an issue with the meter and it wasn't being read. I had no idea until that point in time that there was an issue with my meter being read. There was never an explanation about why this was never done. I was just told to wait until the "High Bill Inquiry" was performed.

On Friday, April 3, Columbia Gas performed a "High Bill Inquiry" at my residence. The serviceman who performed the service was extremely nice. When he called me, he stated that he was investigating a \$2,400 gas bill. I told him that I wasn't aware of the amount of the bill and was shocked that the bill would be that high. Since August, I have been on a budget for my gas. I have paid \$142.00 a month since August 2008. Since last April 2008, I have paid almost \$1,600.00 to Columbia Gas. (Attachment #1) Now, I am being told that I have been undercharged by \$2,400.00. This would be me consuming \$4,000 a year in gas for a 1561 square foot house. Upon his inspection, my appliances were found to be functioning normally, there were no gas leaks, my gas logs were not ever used and my chimney flue was shut. I was told that the lines to the meter were operating correctly. The serviceman took the meter with him for an

inspection. He did also mention to me that this "High Bill Inquiry" was a bit different than normal since Columbia Gas had initiated it. Every "High Bill Inquiry" he had ever investigated was initiated by the customer. It is strange to me why Columbia Gas would treat me differently.

Caroline Woodford called me back around 2:30pm on April 3 to discuss with me the findings by the serviceman. She stated that everything appeared to be functioning normally. She stated that he also claimed my thermostat needed to be calibrated and appeared to be a few degrees off. The serviceman did show me that my thermostat didn't appear to be calibrated correctly. What wasn't taken into account was the fact that my heat had been turned off by the serviceman when he replaced the meter. It was turned off for over an hour. After replacing my old meter with the new meter, he talked to my next-door neighbor for over 40 minutes. Since the heat was off for a long period of time, it makes sense that the thermostat for the room was showing that it was cooler than what the pointer for the heat was set. I don't believe the serviceman's claim was valid in that Cecil's Heating and AC had performed a routine check on June 18, 2007 and concluded that the thermostat was working correctly. (Attachment #2)

Caroline explained that it was still an unusually high bill on my account. She said that they have been undercharging me for the last 16 months to the tune of \$2,400. Also, there is a \$170.00 balance left on my account from the budget. So, the grand total that I owe is over \$2,500.00.

I tried to explain that I feel that Columbia Gas is solely responsible with me having this bill. I had no idea that there was a problem with the meter reader getting to the meter. I assumed that the meter was being read on an occasional basis. Also, I enrolled in the budget plan which began in August 2008. I was originally quoted at \$102.00 a month but was called back a few days after enrollment to let me know that the monthly bill would be \$142.00. I moved into my current house in July 2007. The last meter reading was November 2007. Since they called back to adjust my budget, I assumed that they had gotten a reading in order to make that adjustment.

I asked Caroline how she knows that the November 2007 reading is correct and she said "it is correct." She agrees that the amount used is extremely large, especially for the size of my house (1,561 square feet). All she can tell me is that I used the gas, period. Columbia Gas states that everything they have done is within the law and I owe the money. If they haven't read the meter in 16 months (which I find to be unacceptable), how can I be sure that the meter reader read the meter correctly in November 2007? There is nothing to compare the current reading with except the one 16 months ago and since that date. If a number was transposed or inputted incorrectly, there was no check or balance system in place to make sure that this reading was correct.

On April 6, 2009, I spoke to Ms. Woodford once again. When I checked my gas bill on-line, there was a notice that an automatic bill payment of \$2,595.52 would be taken from my bank account on April 16, 2009. I was very alarmed because I was told by Ms. Woodford on April 3, 2009 that my account would be suspended and I would be removed from the automatic payments.

During that telephone call, I also asked Ms. Woodford about some information I gained from my neighbor. I was told by my neighbor that back in December 2008, they were out on their side porch, which is a few feet away from my gas meter. They smelled gas around my meter and called Columbia Gas to investigate. This was the first I had ever heard of a possible gas leak at my house. When I inquired with Ms. Woodford about this, she told me that there was a gas leak investigated at my neighbor's address. In the report, it was stated that "gas is smelled at neighbor's house (my house)." I asked if my meter was read during this outing. I was told that if anyone's meter would have been read, it would be my neighbor's since they were the ones who made the call. I would think that if Columbia Gas had access to a meter that hadn't been read in

12 calendar months, they would jump at the chance to get a reading. I would think that they would also want to get a reading in case there was a leak. I am also very surprised that Columbia Gas felt no need to notify me that there was a possible gas leak at my residence. It could have been as simple as a note on my door. Finding out from my neighbor 4 months later is not really an acceptable act of customer service.

On April 6, 2009, I contacted the Kentucky Public Service Commission to see if a solution could be mediated. I spoke to Susan Dunn and explained my situation. She said that she would contact Columbia Gas and see if a solution could be reached.

Ms. Dunn called me back on April 7, 2009. She stated that she spoke to Ms. Woodford twice about my situation. She stated that under state law, I am required to pay for any gas that goes through my meter and can be billed for up to two years back. She said that the Commission was able to get the payments stretched out over 24 months. She also stated that the computer glitch had been fixed by Columbia Gas. This was the first that I had heard of a computer glitch.

I agreed that I wanted to follow the law, but I feel that my case had extenuating circumstances, created by Columbia Gas. Ms. Dunn said that she would have Jenny Smith, her supervisor, give me a call back. Jenny called me back later that day and stated there was nothing more that could be done.

On April 8, 2009, I called Ms. Woodford once again. After looking at the gas bill dated April 3, 2009 (Attachment #3), I was very confused about the charges listed. In the past few phone calls, Ms. Woodford kept telling me that I had \$170.40 on my account and that the 16-months worth of unbilled gas was \$2425.12. The April 3 bill did not have either of those figures, nor did it have figures that could be added, subtracted, divided, etc., to reach those two figures. I asked Caroline if she could walk me through the bill line by line because it wasn't making any sense. She had a conference call she had to get to so needed to call me back.

When she called me back, I included two of my co-workers on the phone call. Caroline faxed me a copy of my most recent gas bill dated March 19, 2009. She stated that she needed this to explain the other bill. She talked us through the March 19, 2009 bill and we were able to get to the \$170.40. This is the balance that my \$142.00 monthly budget has not yet covered for the year. When asked about the \$2425.12, Caroline stated that there was not actually a bill with that figure on it but rather the 16-months worth of gas has already been distributed retroactively over my account for the last 16 months. (Attachment #4) She said it would look strange if it was billed all in one month. I have yet to receive any kind of statement or retroactive bills showing me the \$2425.12. I have yet to receive a statement from Columbia Gas regarding the amount of gas that was found to have been used over the 16-month period and the rates that I am being charged. Most of the information I have been given has been verbally over the phone. It has been very vague and general in nature.

The only thing that I have obtained that even starts to explain how much gas I am being billed for from the actual reading in April 2009 is printed off from my account at Columbia Gas's website. It is the adjusted readings lumped in with the estimated budget readings. I have not received a bill for the entire amount that shows the price I am being billed retroactively each month. From what I understand, gas was 6 different prices over the last 16 months. I am confused about how Columbia Gas can accurately bill me for this usage. I know that there is a formula that takes into account the base load and the heat load to create the total amount due. My problem is that Columbia Gas has no idea when the alleged consumption of the gas occurred and this issue was created because of their own negligence. I should not be asked to have to pay because they failed to notify me that my meter that could be read for five months in a row was now not able to be read.

I asked Ms. Woodford for a list of my actual readings since the purchase of my home on June 15, 2007. Ms. Woodford informed me that my meter had actual readings in July 2007, August 2007, September 2007, October 2007 and November 2007. The November 2007 was the last actual reading until the April 2009 reading. When asked why the readings stopped after November 2007, I was reminded about the fence and the dogs. The fence and dogs were at my neighbors before I purchased my house in June 2007. In addition, they were present at my neighbors for the five months that actual gas meter readings were recorded. I don't know how I was supposed to be aware that the fence and dogs were preventing my gas meter from being read if it wasn't a problem for the first five months I lived at my address and I was never notified that it became a problem. I would think that it is the duty of Columbia Gas to notify the customer if there is an issue reading the meter, especially after a few months. By not notifying me, I was never able to make any arrangements to rectify the situation and provide access to the meter. To this day, I don't know what has prevented the meter reader from reading my gas meter if it was able to be read for five months straight. I don't know if there is a new meter reader or if the meter reader even knows where my meter is located.

During this conversation, I asked Ms. Woodford about the computer glitch that Ms. Dunn mentioned. Ms. Woodford stated that it wasn't actually a computer glitch but rather Columbia Gas's IT department failed to run a report that would identify delinquent meters for several months. She stated that this had been corrected. In my opinion, this is worse than a computer glitch. The running of this report was within the control of Columbia Gas. Had they run the report in December 2008, January 2009 or February 2009, it would have been discovered that my meter needed to be read.

I noticed on Columbia Gas's website that there was a statement about getting actual readings to the effect that if a reading was not able to be obtained after a year, service to the residence would be discontinued. Ms. Dunn from the Public Service Commission also told me that the gas company would sometimes shut off gas to a residence that had an indoor gas meter that could not be read for a few months. I asked Ms. Woodford about that and she said that they usually would shut off the gas but didn't in my case.

In addition, Columbia Gas was negligent in contacting me about the fact that the meter reader was not able to read my meter. The company is not able to provide one time since November 2007 that I was contacted about my neighbor's fence or my neighbor's dogs prohibiting my gas meter from being read. I don't know how I can be held accountable for my neighbor's fence and dogs when Columbia Gas failed to ever notify me of this issue.

Columbia Gas removed the meter and are now testing the meter to see if there is any problem with it. To me this is a bit strange. The way they came and did the "High Bill Inquiry" without any prompting by me is not their normal procedure. How can I be sure that the results of this meter are actually the meter that was removed from my property? I was also never shown what the meter was reading when it was removed.

When I asked Ms. Woodford about rectifying this situation in future, all the solutions fall squarely in my lap. Her suggestion to me is that I need to read my own meter every month and submit that reading. I have no problem doing this because I find Columbia Gas completely incompetent in the ability to read my meter or notify me when it was not able to be read. The company offered no other solutions. (Attachment #5)

As instructed, I read my gas meter on the evening of April 14, 2009. The reading was "0057." On the morning of April 15, I followed the instructions sent to me by Columbia Gas and submitted my reading on-line through <u>www.columbiagasky.com</u>. (Attachment #) Upon submission, I received an automatic email from Columbia Gas stating the following: "By law, we are required to obtain an actual reading at least once a year. Customer-provided reads are not considered to be actual reads." (Attachment # 6)

I called Ms. Woodford on April 16. I asked her if she could tell me what the meter reader got on my meter. Since it was my first time, I wanted to compare the two numbers to make sure I was reading the meter correctly. I was told by Ms. Woodford that my meter was not read by the meter reader. I felt that Columbia Gas must have been content with me shouldering the entire responsibility of making sure that my meter is read each month. As a consumer who is paying a company to provide me with a service, I feel that this is entirely unacceptable.

I then asked her about this automatic email I received directly from her company and the fact that a customer-read is not an actual read. She explained to me that it would be labeled a "customerread" on my bill. I then asked her about the sentence before that one. I asked her that if a customer-read was not considered an actual read and her company is required, by law, to have an actual read each year, how was this going to happen. She suddenly told me that I could schedule an appointment to have my meter read. This was the first time anything of the sort was ever offered.

I then went back to that first sentence and read it to her again: "By law, we are required to obtain an actual reading at least once a year." I asked her if that was in fact a law. She stated that it was a regulation of the state of Kentucky. I have very limited legal knowledge, but I believe state regulations and state laws are very similar. She said she would read me the regulation and put me on hold for a bit. After she came back on, she read me the regulation stating that the gas company needed to try to get a quarterly or annual meter reading. I told her that the sentence didn't say "By law, we are required 'to try' to obtain an actual reading at least once a year." I asked if the email was misleading or if the company was in violation of state law. She stated that she was not aware of that email and asked me to forward it to her. I forwarded it to her. I have not heard any response about it.

I checked my on-line account on April 17, 2009 to view my gas bill. Ms. Woodford had taken me off the budget and I was going to be billed for actual reads. Since the budget I was on was created without any knowledge of my usage, I thought this would be a good idea. The bill I saw was for \$2,678.17 and the entire amount was due on April 29, 2009. I immediately called Ms. Woodford because I was under the impression that the large portion of the bill was being distributed over 24 months. Ms. Woodford told me that the bill had to be issued before they could put me on the payment plan. She then discussed the option of getting me back on the budget. I asked why I would do that since the company still was not aware of my actual gas consumption and the previous budget was so far off. I stated that I wanted to pay for the actual usage and the \$101.04 (the \$2425.12 divided over 24 months). The cost for my actual gas used from April 3 to April 15 was \$82.65. This means that my gas bill that is due on April 29, 2009 is \$183.70. I asked if a new bill could be issued so I can have a record. Ms. Woodford told me that no new bill would be issued. I should just cross out the figure of \$2,678.17 and send a check for \$183.70. (Attachment #7)

There is no reason why Columbia Gas cannot read my gas meter. The meter was read regularly and arbitrarily stopped for unknown reasons. If permission is needed to gain access, this can be accomplished.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that you assist me in having this bill rescinded.

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Attachment #1 Payments made to Columbia Gas from April 08 to April 09



e-Bills for Heather McAtee

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Bill from Cecil's Heating and A/C showing calibration of thermostat on June 18, 2007

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1-800-432-3345 For DirectLink self-service 24 hours/day For billing questions, call 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri. before due date For quickest response, call 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tues. - Fri.

www.columbiagasky.com Click on DirectLink e-Services for account information, online billing and payment services, financial assistance, and other useful tools.

Budget Payment Plan Reduce the impact of higher, unstable natural gas prices by spreading the cost of winter heating more evenly throughout the year. Know how much to expect to pay each

Customer CHOICE Purchase your natural gas

from an unregulated supplier and have more control over the gas cost portion of your bill, which amounts to nearly two-thirds of your bill. Columbia Gas will still deliver the gas and provide

Actual Reading A meter reader has read the meter. You're required to provide us access to read the meter at least once a year or risk shutoff. Please contact us to make arrangements if

Estimated Reading During the months we don't read the meter, we accurately estimate your reading based on the history of usage at the

service address and normal temperatures for the billing period. We verify the reading the next time we read the meter to make sure you pay only for

Sas Usage We measure your gas usage in Mcf equal to 1,000 cubic feet. How to Read the Meter When a pointer is between two numbers on a dial-type meter, read the smaller number except when the pointer is between 9 and 0. Record the reading on the dials

Rate Schedule Information about rate schedules

Other Correspondence (except payments) Mail to Columbia Gas of Kentucky, P.O. Box 2318, Columbus, OH 43216-2318

Bankruptcy Notices Mail to Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Revenue Recovery, 200 Civic Center Dr., Columbus, OH 43215.

For gas leaks or odor of gas 24 hours/day Press option 2 after the greeting

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Billing Options

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Legal Notices

is available upon request.

Gas Meter Information

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Gas Bill

Residential Service

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Billing & Payment Summary

An Automatic Bill Payment of \$2,5 on 04/16/2009 by your Financial Ins			be made
Amount Due	=		\$2,595.52
Charges for Gas Service This Period	+		\$378.60 [,]
Balance on 03/17/2009	=		\$2,216.92
Billing Adjustment 04/03/2009	+		\$2,231.89
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Adjusted Bill			
Heather R McAtee			
Customer Name			

	Billing & Payment Notes
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	someone you know prefers
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	with us by phone or in
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	immediately with an
	interpreter who will work
	with you and our
	representative to answer
	your questions or schedule
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	seven days a week to report
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	See back of bill for Detail of Charges for Gas Service.

Service Summary Service Summary Notes Your next actual meter reading dats is betwee 04/13/2009 - 04/17/2009 Service Location 4229 Heathmoor Ct Lexington KY 40514-1848 hetweer Meter Readings (29 Billing Days) Meter Number Adjusted Reading on 3/17 Adjusted Reading on 2/16 8960214 8561 8271 \$ 170.00 Gas Used (Mcf) 29.0

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Turn Me Over ► ► for more details about Payment Coupon vour account **Automatic Bill Payment** on 4/16/2009 \$2,595.52 Is your contact information on the back incorrect? Check this box and detail the correction on the reverse side I want to help neighbors in Lexington, KY 49512-4241 need by making a contribution to the WinterCare fuel fund. Check this box and complete the form on the reverse side COLUMBIA GAS P 0 BOX 2200 LEXINGTON KY 40588-2200

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natural gas to alert you to a leak in or around your home. If you smell an odor of gas:

 Leave the building immediately. Leave the door open on your way out, and don't use light switches or matches.

Call our 24-hour emergency number from a nearby phone and wait for our service crew to arrive to explain the situation.

Call Before You Dig If you're planning a home construction or landscaping project, call Kentucky 811 at 811 at least 72 hours before you start to dig. A representative will mark the

approximate location of underground utility lines

on your property. Employee Identification All of our employees and approved meter readers and contractors carry photo identification. If someone claims to represent the gas company, ask to see identification. Call the police if you see suspicious cativity.

Safety Tips

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Gas Bill A **Residential Service**

Account Number

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Detail of Charges for Gas Service Odor of Gas We add a distinctive odor to your

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Letter from Columbia Gas regarding Customer Reading Dates



A NiSource Company

April 3, 2009

RE: Meter Reading Schedule

ACCOUNT NUMBER: PSID NUMBER:

Dear Ms Morther!

Per your request, enclosed is information pertaining to future meter reading dates for your current account. Please refer to Unit 12, for the dates that your account will be billed. We will attempt to read your meter on the dates listed for Unit 12, in the enclosed Meter Reading Schedule for 2009. If your meter is inside and you will not be available to provide access for us to read your meter on a date that is listed, you may call your meter reading into our automated phone system up to two days before and prior to 2:00 PM on the date listed in the enclosed Meter Reading schedule. The phone number to use is, 1-800-837-3721. For your convenience meter readings can also be entered via DirectLink on our website at www.columbiagasky.com.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call our office at 1-800-432-9345.

Sincerely, Columbia Gas of KY, Inc.

Enclosure

Columbia Gas of Kentucky

Meter Reading Schedule for 2009

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Unit 5	Unit 6	
Dec 31	Jan 02	Jan 05	Jan 06	Jan 07	Jan 08	Jan 09
Jan 30	Feb 02	Feb 03	Feb 04	Feb 05	Feb 06	Feb 09
Mar 02	Mar 03	Mar 04	Mar 05	Mar 06	Mar 09	Mar 10
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Apr 29	Apr 30	May 01	May 04	May 05	May 06	May 07
May 29	Jun 01	Jun 02	Jun 03	Jun 04	Jun 05	Jun 08
Jun 29	Jun 30	Jul 01	Jul 02	Jul 06	Jul 07	Jul 08
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Email from Columbia Gas of Kentucky – "By law, we are required to obtain an actual reading at least once a year. Customer-provided reads are not considered to be actual reads." Print

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Columbia Gas of Kentucky Meter Read Entry

From: directlinkeservices@columbiagasky.com

Sent: Wed 4/15/09 12:12 PM To:

Dear Heather McAtee,

Thank you for submitting your Columbia Gas of Kentucky DirectLink e-Services meter reading online through DirectLink e-Services. If our meter readers are able to obtain an actual reading, please note that our reading may override the reading you provided.

Regular readings are important to avoid a large balance that might occur after several months of estimated reads, especially if there have been any factors that might have increased your typical gas use. Check the usage history chart on your bill to see the number of consecutive estimated or customer-provided readings there have been on your account. If we have not been able to gain access to your meter for several months, please call us to make arrangements. By law, we are required to obtain an actual reading at least once a year. Customer-provided reads are not considered to be actual reads.

You can calculate your usage for the billing period by subtracting last month's reading from the current reading. Remember to check your usage history on your bill or in Direct Link e-Services to compare how much you used month to month for up to 13 months. If you use natural gas to heat your home or business, you'll notice that your usage peaks during the winter months. Other reasons for changes in your usage pattern might be the type and number of gas appliances, household activity, the number and ages of household members, conservation measures, or unusual weather conditions.

Thanks again for using Columbia Gas of Kentucky DirectLink e-Services to manage your account online! Be sure to visit us for more helpful tips to ensure accurate, regular meter readings and your safety.

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Please do not respond to this e-mail. The content of this message is for your information only. If you have additional questions, please call us at the appropriate DirectLink phone number listed under "Contact Us" on the Columbia Gas of Kentucky DirectLink e-Services site.

Gas Bill Dated April 15, 2009

Columbia Gas of Kentucky

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How to Contact Us

1-800-432-9345 1-800-432-3345 For DirectLink self-service 24 hours/day For billing questions, call 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Fri. before due date For quickest response, call 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tues. - Fri

1-800-432-9515

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For hearing-impaired relay

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Billing Options

Extended Payment Plans Special payment arrangements and energy assistance are available, if eligible.

Payment Options

Online Pay free by electronic check at our Web site.

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Authorized Payment Centers Call or visit us online to find a payment center near you. Agents charge a fee for each transaction.

Mail Return coupon below with payment to:

Columbia Gas of Kentucky P.O. Box 2200 Lexington, KY 40588-2200

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Billing & Payment Summary

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Due date does not apply to unpaid balance at billing.

Service Summary

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Detail of Charges for Gas Serv	vice	S
Customer Charge	\$9.30	T
Gas Delivery Charge	\$10.48	a re
Gas Supply Cost 5.7 Mcf at \$10.12240 per Mcf	\$57.70	1
Research & Development Factor	\$0.07	а
Lex-Fay. Urban Govt. Franchise Fee	\$2.46	a e
School Tax	\$2.34	
Energy Assistance Program Surcharge	\$0.30	- 6 ti
Total Charges for Service This Period	\$82.65	9

Service Charges Notes The Customer Charge routes a portion of the fixed costs required to ensure that natural gas service is available to your home. This amount is the same with each bill.

Gas Delivery Charges are the costs of delivering the gas to retail customers. The charges for these services are regulated and must be purchased from the local distribution company.

Gas Supply Cost includes the cost of natural gas, interstate pipeline charges, and storage costs, and is passed through to customers at cost without markup.

Gas supply service may be purchased from a participating competitive gas supplier in the Customer CHOICE program.

Legal Notices

Rate Schedule Information about rate schedules is available upon request.

Bankruptcy Notices Mail to Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Revenue Recovery, 200 Civic Center Dr., Columbus, OH 43215.

Other Correspondence (except payments) Mail to Columbia Gas of Kentucky, P.O. Box 2318, Columbus, OH 43216-2318

Safety Tips

Odor of Gas We add a distinctive odor to your natural gas to alert you to a leak in or around your home. If you smell an odor of gas:

- Leave the building immediately. Leave the door open on your way out, and don't use light switches or matches.
- Call our 24-hour emergency number from a nearby phone and wait for our service crew to arrive to explain the situation.

Call Before You Dig if you're planning a home construction or landscaping project, call Kentucky 811 at 811 at least 72 hours before you start to dig. A representative will mark the approximate location of underground utility lines

on your property. Employee Identification All of our employees and approved meter readers and contractors carry photo identification. If someone claims to represent the gas company, ask to see identification. Call the police if you see suspicious activity.

Contact Information Corrections

If this mailing address or phone number are incorrect, please make the necessary corrections on the lines below. 4229 Heathmoor Ct Lexington KY 40514-1848

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State Zip code

City

Home Phone ()

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Pictures of disputed fence





Herbert A. Miller, President Columbia Gas of Kentucky Headquarters 2001 Mercer Road Lexington, KY 40511

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have recently received an adjusted gas bill claiming that I owe an additional \$2,425.12 for gas allegedly used at my residence for the period 11/07-4/09. I am in the process of filing a formal complaint with the Public Service Commission, asserting that I do not owe the amount.

I am also pursuing possible legal remedies in an attempt to resolve the problem.

As a result, I am notifying you as a representative of Columbia Gas of Kentucky that I consider the amount in dispute and at this time will not be remitting payment. I will continue, however, to make monthly payments on actual gas usage.

Sincerely,

Heather Rae McAtee

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