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RE: Case No. 2009-00278  
Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.  
(Franchise)  
City of Ashland, KY

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of initial application in the above case. The application was date-stamped received July 16, 2009 and has been assigned Case No. 2009-00278. In all future correspondence or filings in connection with this case, please reference the above case number.

If you need further assistance, please contact my staff at (502) 564-3940.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Derouen".

Jeff Derouen  
Executive Director

JD/rs