

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

2020 SAFETY MODIFICATION AND)	CASE NO.
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FILING OF)	2019-00383
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)	

ORDER

On October 15, 2019, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., (Columbia Kentucky) filed its 2020 annual forecasted data pursuant to the requirements of the Accelerated Main Replacement Program (AMRP). Columbia Kentucky also included forecasted costs for its low-pressure gas distribution system safety enhancement program (LP Program) as proposed and approved by the Commission in Case No. 2019-00257.¹ In Case No. 2019-00257, the Commission granted Columbia Kentucky's request to amend and expand its AMRP by combining the AMRP with the LP, which is now referred to as Columbia's Safety Modification and Replacement Program (SMRP) Rider. In the present case, Commission Staff issued one round of discovery to which Columbia Kentucky filed responses with the Commission on December 2, 2019. There are no intervenors in this proceeding. The case now stands submitted for a decision.

¹ Case No. 2019-00257, *Electronic Application of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. for: 1) A Declaration that Construction of a Low Pressure System Safety Improvement is an Extension of its System in the Ordinary Course of Business; 2) In the Alternative, for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for Such Construction; 3) Approval of an Amendment and Expansion of its Accelerated Main Replacement Tariff to its Safety Modification and Replacement Tariff, and 4) Approval to Modify the 2019 AMRP Construction Plan.* (Ky. PSC Nov. 7, 2019).

Pursuant to the final Orders in Case Nos. 2016-00162² and 2019-00257, Columbia Kentucky's SMRP Rider should be updated annually to reflect the expected impact on Columbia Kentucky's revenue requirements of forecasted net plant additions. Columbia Kentucky tendered its 2020 annual forecasted data to support a forecasted SMRP Rider revenue requirement for 2020 of \$12,202,892.³ Based upon the forecasted SMRP Rider revenue requirement, Columbia Kentucky proposed to increase its current rates, as reflected in the Appendix to this Order.

Having reviewed the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Columbia Kentucky's proposed SMRP Rider rates are reasonable.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The SMRP Rider rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered by Columbia Kentucky on and after January 2, 2020.
2. Within 20 days of the date of entry of this Order, Columbia Kentucky shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved in this Order and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.
3. This case is now closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

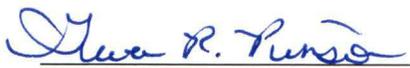
² Case No. 2016-000162, *Application of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. for an Increase in Base Rates* (Ky. PSC Dec. 22, 2016).

³ Columbia Kentucky's SMRP Form 1.0 and SMRP Form 1.1.

By the Commission

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Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2019-00383 DATED **DEC 20 2019**

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 shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

2020 Safety Modification and Replacement Program Rider Rates

Per month:

Rate GSR, Rate SVGTS – Residential Service	\$ 5.16
Rate GSO, Rate GDS, Rate SVGTS – Commercial or Industrial	\$ 19.38
Rate IUS, Rate IUDS	\$ 161.50
Rate IS, Rate DS ¹ , Rate SAS	\$1,014.94

¹ Excluding customers subject to Flex Provisions of Rate Schedule DS.

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