

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC 2020 SAFETY MODIFICATION AND	)	CASE NO.
REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FILING OF	)	2020-00099
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.	)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
TO COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission an electronic version of the following information. The information requested herein is due within 14 days of the date of entry of this request. The Commission directs Columbia Kentucky to the Commission's March 16, 2020 and March 24, 2020 Orders, in Case No. 2020-00085<sup>1</sup> regarding filings with the Commission. The Commission expects the original documents to be filed with the Commission within 30 days of the lifting of the current state of emergency. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Electronic documents shall be in portable document format (PDF), shall be searchable, and shall be appropriately bookmarked.

Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or

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<sup>1</sup> Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2020), Order at 5–6. Case No. 2020-00085, *Electronic Emergency Docket Related to the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19* (Ky. PSC Mar. 24, 2020), Order at 1–3.

association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Columbia Kentucky shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it contains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Columbia Kentucky fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to respond completely and precisely.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When applicable, the requested information shall be separately provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations. When filing a paper containing personal information, Columbia Kentucky shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the application generally and to the final Order of Case No. 2019-00257.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> 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).

a. Provide an update on Phase II of the low-pressure gas distribution systems (LP Program), including all relevant information such as specific projects and projected costs.

b. Confirm that the submitted surcharge amounts in the pending case do not include any costs associated with the LP Program Phase II, or any LP Program costs incurred prior to the Commission's final Order in Case No. 2019-00257.

2. As Columbia Kentucky provided in Case No. 2019-00257, confirm that the estimated cost of the LP Program is still \$11.2 million. If not, provide the new estimated cost of the LP Program, and explain all changes. Also, include an explanation as to whether the estimated cost includes both Phase I and Phase II of the LP Program.

3. Provide the amount of pipeline mains, services, and facilities that Columbia Kentucky has replaced thus far to present date through the accelerated program.

4. Provide the amount of pipeline mains, services, and facilities that Columbia Kentucky will have left to replace by the end of 2020.

5. Explain how long Phase I and Phase II of the LP Program will take to complete.

6. Refer to the application, SMRP Form 1.1, line 3, and Case No. 2018-00341,<sup>3</sup> AMRP Form 1.1, line 3. Explain the 62 percent increase in "Accumulated Reserve for Depreciation."

7. Refer to the application, SMRP Form 2.0, page 1 of 2, line 16, and Case No. 2018-00341, AMRP Form 2.0, page 1 of 2, line 14. Explain the 41 percent increase in ending Total Retirements.

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<sup>3</sup> Case No. 2018-00341, *Electronic Accelerated Main Replacement Program Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC Dec. 5, 2018).



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