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Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. Attention: Stephen B. Seiple 200 Civic Center Drive P.O. Box 117 Columbus, OH 43216-0117

Re: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. Petition for Confidential Treatment received June 3, 2013 PSC Reference Case No. 2004-00462

Dear Mr. Seiple:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on June 3, 2013, on behalf of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13. As your request was submitted outside of a case, 807 KAR 5:001(13)(d) provides that the Commission's "executive director, as official custodian of the commission's records, shall determine if the material falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878 and the time period for which the material should be considered as confidential and shall advise the requestor of the determination by letter." This letter constitutes my determination of your request.

The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in Columbia's final Hedging Report for the 2012-2013 heating season. The information is described as containing sensitive pricing information of which Benchmark and Trigger prices can be determined. You have requested confidential treatment of the information until April 1, 2015.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information could result in an unfair commercial advantage to competitors and reveal trade secrets.

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Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Columbia's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential meets the criteria for confidential protection and will be maintained as a non-public part of the Commission's Post Case Referenced Correspondence file until April 1, 2015.

The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9). If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment prior to April 1, 2015, Columbia is required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(10), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

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Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record

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