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

Re: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.

Petition for Confidential Treatment received 7/13/09

PSC Reference - Case No. 2009-00141

Dear Mr. Seiple:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on July 13, 2009 on behalf of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as information contained in its Supplemental Response to the Attorney General's 1<sup>st</sup> Data Request No. 189. The information is more particularly described as Attachment A in its "entirety" regarding the rating of debt securities (the method and process of debt security valuation).

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Columbia's competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors, and also states trade secrets would be compromised.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that Attachment A contains approximately 500 pages of information of which numerous documents do not contain information that meets the criteria for confidential protection. Therefore, the Commission **DENIES** confidential protection for Attachment A in its entirety, and hereby directs Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. to specifically request confidential protection for each specific document that warrants such protection and to redact that specific language or item in which confidential protection is sought.



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The information denied confidentiality will be withheld from public inspection for 20 days from the date of this letter. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may seek rehearing with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter under the provisions of KRS 278.400

Sincerely,

Jeff Derouen Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record