

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF)
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY,)
INC.)

CASE NO. 8738

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

On the 14th day of January, 1983, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia Gas"), filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for gas service rendered on and after the 3rd day of February, 1983.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five months on and after the 3rd day of February, 1983.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Columbia Gas shall provide notice of the proposed rates and the estimated amount of increase per customer class by posting a sheet stating the proposed rates and the estimated amount of increase per customer class at its places of business and, in addition, notice thereof (1) is to be included with customer billings made on or before the application is filed with the Public Service Commission, (2) is to be

published by such date in a trade publication or newsletter going to all customers, or (3) is to be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a prominent manner in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in its service area, the first publication to be made prior to the filing of the application with the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the notice or publication shall include a statement to the effect (1) that any corporation, association, body politic or person may, by motion within 30 days after receiving notice of the proposed rate changes, request leave to intervene; (2) that the motion to intervene should be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, and should set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party; and (3) that a copy of the application and testimony is available for inspection (name of location or locations) and that copies of the application and testimony may be obtained by each intervenor in this proceeding by contacting the applicant at a name and address to be stated in the notice or publication. Each notice or publication shall also contain the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That two weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, Columbia Gas shall file its testimony in verified prepared form unless filed earlier.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That five weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, all Requests for Information to Columbia Gas shall be due, unless submitted earlier, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That seven weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, Columbia Gas shall mail or deliver Responses to the original Requests for Information, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission, and all Responses shall identify the witness or witnesses who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to each request for information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nine weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, all Supplemental Requests for Information (to include only those matters within the scope of the initial request) to Columbia Gas shall be due, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That ten weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, Columbia Gas shall mail or deliver Responses to Supplemental Requests for Information, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission, and all Supplemental Responses shall identify the witness or witnesses who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to each request for information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That eleven weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, Intervenors shall file their testimony in verified prepared form, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That thirteen weeks subsequent to the filing of the application, all Requests for Information to Intervenors shall be due, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Intervenors shall mail or deliver Responses to Requests for Information within three weeks (sixteen weeks subsequent to the filing of the application) of receipt, unless submitted sooner, with copies to parties of record and 12 copies to be submitted to the Commission, and the Responses shall identify the witness or witnesses who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to each request for information.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a hearing be and it hereby is scheduled to commence on May 10, 1983, at 9:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Columbia Gas, cross-examination of witnesses of Intervenors, and the presentation of rebuttal testimony, if any, by Columbia Gas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That pursuant to the provisions of KRS 424.130, notice of the date, time, place and the general purpose of the hearing shall be published once in a prominent manner in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas

served by Columbia Gas, said publication to occur not more than 21 days or less than 7 days prior to the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Columbia Gas and Intervenors may file briefs simultaneously in the twentieth week.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein will be granted only upon a showing of compelling reasons.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of January, 1983.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary