

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS AND )  
LIMITATIONS OF SALES OF )  
NATURAL GAS BY COLUMBIA GAS ) CASE NO. 9481  
OF KENTUCKY, INC. )

O R D E R

On December 13, 1985, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") filed its application including a proposed tariff sheet requesting that the Commission approve the removal of restrictions and limitations on the sale of natural gas. Columbia further requests that the Commission authorize Columbia to amend its Tariff Sheet PSC No. 4 by revision of Fifth Revised and Temporary Sheet No. 34. Said tariff revision eliminates the reference to the previous suspension limitation, December 15, 1985. Columbia also seeks approval to eliminate the requirement that Columbia file an annual report on gas service requirements and supply.

After reviewing the record in this case and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that:

(1) The application of Columbia for authority to terminate existing restrictions and limitations on new and existing gas customers by amendment of certain tariff provisions should be approved with certain limitations.

(2) Columbia should be authorized to provide gas service to new residential, commercial and industrial customers and further, to provide gas service to meet increased requirements of existing commercial and industrial customers and that current restrictions on the provision of this service should be terminated for a period of 3 years. This will enable the Commission to assess the changing energy picture and determine whether a further extension is justified at the end of this period. This suspension should also be applicable to Columbia's 5 intrastate wholesale utility customers.

(3) Columbia's 5th Revised Sheet No. 54 of PSC No. 4 should be amended to include a reference to the end of the current suspension period, December 15, 1988.

(4) The requirement that Columbia file an annual report on gas service requirements and supply should also be suspended for a period of 3 years.

(5) The curtailment priorities heretofore approved by the Commission should remain in effect in the event they are needed because of future supply deficiencies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

(1) Columbia's application for authority to terminate existing restrictions and limitations on new and existing gas customers by amendment of certain tariff provisions shall be denied to the extent that the application seeks approval without limitations.

(2) Columbia is hereby authorized to provide gas service to new residential, commercial and industrial customers and, further, to provide gas service to meet increased requirements of existing commercial and industrial customers and that current restrictions on the provision of this service shall be terminated for a period of 3 years. This suspension also shall be applicable to Columbia's 5 intrastate wholesale utility customers.

(3) Columbia's application to amend 5th Revised Sheet No. 34 of PSC No. 4 shall be denied to the extent that it seeks to eliminate the time limitation for suspension; the tariff shall be amended to reflect the December 15, 1988, expiration of the current suspension period.

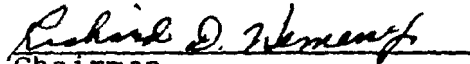
(4) The current requirement that Columbia file an annual report on gas service requirements and supply shall be suspended for 3 years; Columbia's request to eliminate the requirement is denied.

(5) The curtailment priorities heretofore approved by the Commission shall remain in effect in the event they are needed because of future supply deficiencies.

(6) Columbia shall file within 30 days from the date of this Order its revised tariff consistent with the provisions set out herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of January, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Chairman

  
Vice Chairman

  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Secretary