

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR A CERTIFICATE)
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY) CASE NO. 9609
TO CONSTRUCT A NATURAL GAS PIPELINE)

O R D E R

On June 13, 1986, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") filed an application with the Commission requesting that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be issued authorizing Columbia to construct a 12-inch gas pipeline in and through Nicholas, Bourbon, Harrison and Scott counties. The Toyota Motor Corporation ("Toyota") is planning to build an automobile assembly plant in the vicinity of Georgetown, Kentucky. Certain processes which Toyota will use require natural gas and Columbia has agreed in principle to furnish Toyota with its natural gas service.

Columbia states that its existing gas distribution facilities are inadequate to supply Toyota with the quantity of gas Toyota anticipates it will require. Columbia further states that to construct the 32-mile pipeline it may have to initiate eminent domain proceedings to acquire certain rights-of-way necessary for construction of the pipeline. Columbia has requested prompt action by the Commission in approving a Certificate in this proceeding

since it may be a prerequisite to eminent domain proceedings. The Commission notes that the projected date for initiation of natural gas service is May 1, 1987.

In order for the Commission to adequately perform its duties pursuant to KRS 278.020 the Commission finds that additional information is necessary. Accordingly, Columbia shall provide the following information no later than August 1, 1986.

1. On what date does Columbia anticipate starting construction?

2. What volumes of gas does Columbia anticipate delivering to Toyota, daily and annually?

3. What was the basis for deciding that a 12-inch line was required?

4. Who will perform the actual construction of the pipeline?

5. How many valves will be located on the pipeline and at what intervals will they be spaced?

6. Regarding the hydrostatic testing of the pipeline, how long will the test be held?

7. Regarding the welding of the joints, what percent of the welds will be tested?

8. For those sections of the pipeline requiring cased crossings, provide additional specifications for their installation.

9. What will be the depth of the trench in which the pipe will lay?

10. As pipe is installed in the trench, and backfilling is conducted, what measures will be utilized to protect the pipe from rocks and other potentially hazardous conditions in the soil?

11. What will be the class locations through which the pipeline will pass?

12. Will the gas be metered at the interconnection point with Columbia Gas Transmission's Line "E"? Will the gas be metered at the line's termination point "immediately east of Rogers Gap Road?"

13. Will additional pipeline need to be constructed from the termination point to the actual point(s) of use at the plant? Who will be responsible for the construction and maintenance of any additional pipeline? If another party is responsible for such pipeline, where does their responsibility begin?

14. Will gas service be available to interested parties along the 32-mile route of the pipeline? What guidelines will Columbia use to accept or deny such requests for service? What rate(s) will Columbia use for such service?

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 16th day of July, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


For the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director