

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF) CASE NO. 9038
GAS PURCHASES UNDER A SPECIAL)
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

O R D E R

On April 16, 1984, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia"), filed with this Commission an application for approval of a special natural gas purchase from Citizens Energy Corporation ("Citizens") for use in a Special Emergency Assistance Program ("Program"). On June 28, 1984, the Commission issued its Order approving gas purchases under the Program. On October 30, 1987, Columbia filed an application to continue the Program through the winter of 1987 under contractual terms and conditions approved by Columbia and Citizens on October 27, 1987.

On January 19, 1988, the Commission issued its Order approving the gas purchases through the 1987 winter season under the October 27, 1987 contract. On November 3, 1988, Columbia filed an application to continue the program for the 1988 winter season as approved in the Commission's Order of January 19, 1988. Columbia included with its application a report summarizing data for the 1987-88 program year ending July 31, 1988.

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

1. According to the summary data provided by Columbia, the Program distributed \$104,000 to more than 500 households during the 12 months ended August 1987. In order to continue assistance to these needy households the Program should be extended, with the associated gas costs recovered through the purchased gas adjustment mechanism.

2. Columbia should file the data similar to that summarized in this application upon completion of the Program year ending July 31, 1989.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Emergency Fuel Assistance Program has proven itself to be effective in assisting low-income households in retaining their utility service and is hereby extended.

2. Columbia shall file data concerning gas purchases, funds generated and disbursed and a summary of Program effectiveness upon the completion of Program year ending July 31, 1989.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of December, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Commissioner

ATTEST:

Executive Director