

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF)
GAS PURCHASES UNDER A SPECIAL) CASE NO. 9038
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 for use in a Special Emergency Assistance Program ("Program"). On June 28, 1984, the Commission issued its Order approving gas purchases under the Program. Columbia has received subsequent approval to continue the Program for each heating season since the Program's inception.

On October 21, 1991, Columbia filed its application to continue the assistance program through the winter of 1991-1992 on the same basis as during the winter of 1990-1991.

After reviewing the application and the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. According to the Program final report for the Program year 1990-1991 provided by Columbia in a filing dated October 14, 1991, the Program distributed \$97,648 to more than 902 households during the 12 months ended May 1991. 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 with this Commission data concerning gas purchases, funds generated and disbursed, and a summary of Program effectiveness in its Program final report as soon as information is available upon the completion of the Program year ending July 31, 1992.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Since the Program has assisted low-income households in paying utility bills, the Program shall be and it hereby is extended through the 1991-1992 Program year.

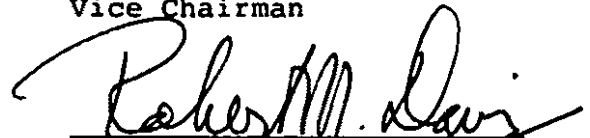
2. Columbia shall file with this Commission its Program final report upon completion of the Program year ending July 31, 1992, as soon as information is available.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of December, 1991.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director