

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 ("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 1987 contract.

In each subsequent year, Columbia has filed for and received approval to extend the Program through another Program year under contractual terms and conditions previously approved by the Commission.

On October 19, 1993, Columbia filed an application to continue the Program through the winter of 1993-1994 under contractual terms and conditions identical to those previously approved by the Commission.

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 1992-93 provided by Columbia in its application, the Program distributed \$108,365 to more than 1,013 households during the 12 months ended July 1993. A balance of \$8,709 remained to be disbursed by early 1994. In order to continue assistance to these needy households, the Program should be extended for an indefinite period 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 upon the completion of Program year ending July 31, 1994, and for each year thereafter.

3. Any changes in Columbia's contract with Citizens should be filed with this Commission for approval.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

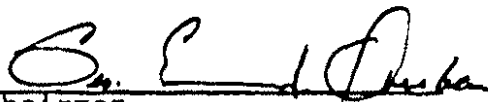
1. Since the Program has assisted low-income households in paying utility bills, the Program shall be and it hereby is extended for an indefinite period.


2. Columbia shall file with this Commission its Program final report upon completion of the program year ending July 31, 1994, and for each program year thereafter.


3. Columbia shall file with this Commission any changes in its contract with Citizens.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 3rd day of December, 1993.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:



Executive Director