

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE TARIFF FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS)
OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO IMPLEMENT AND) CASE NO. 95-593
BILL FOR OPTIONAL SERVICES TO)
CUSTOMERS)

O R D E R

On December 5, 1995, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed a tariff to revise its rules and regulations to enable it to bill for its water heater financing program on the monthly utility bill and to implement and bill for new, optional services which will be offered to customers on a voluntary basis by it or other entities.

Columbia asserts that all costs associated with the water heater financing program are below the line and that utility service will not be affected by the proposed changes. The program is an unregulated service. Any partial payments received will first be credited to charges for regulated utility service.

The Commission, having considered the tariff and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Columbia should be permitted to charge for optional services on monthly utility bills and that those charges should be set out separately on the bill as proposed by Columbia. Columbia should identify unregulated services and state on each bill for unregulated service that the customer's utility service will not be disconnected for failure to pay charges for unregulated service.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:


1. Columbia's proposed tariffs are hereby approved.

2. On each bill rendered that includes a charge for unregulated service, Columbia shall include in bold type on the same page as that on which the unregulated charge appears, the following statement, "Failure to pay charges for unregulated services will not result in disconnection of your regulated utility service."

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of January, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director