

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF )  
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN ORDER ISSUING )  
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE )  
AND NECESSITY TO THE EXTENT SUCH A ) CASE NO. 96-015  
CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED TO CONSTRUCT A )  
PIPELINE TO SERVE COOPER TIRE, INC. IN )  
MT. STERLING, KENTUCKY )

O R D E R

On January 30, 1996, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed an application requesting that the Commission either declare that Columbia's proposed extension to serve Cooper Tire, Inc. ("Cooper") in Mount Sterling, Kentucky does not require a certificate of public convenience since it is in the ordinary course of business or issue an Order authorizing Columbia to construct the proposed extension.

On February 13, 1996, Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Delta") filed a response to Columbia's application, stating that it should be denied because Cooper will be located in Delta's service area and Delta is ready, willing, and able to serve Cooper.

On February 29, 1996, Columbia filed a motion asking the Commission to expedite this proceeding. Since Cooper has requested service by April 1, 1996, the Commission finds that the motion should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that the motion to expedite is granted and all parties shall issue discovery requests to the other parties within

one week of the date of this Order. All responses shall be delivered with copies filed with the Commission no later than March 19, 1996.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia and Delta shall file the original and 12 copies of the following information with the Commission with a copy to all parties of record no later than March 13, 1996. Columbia and Delta shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available to respond at a hearing, if held, to questions concerning each item of information requested.

QUESTIONS FOR COLUMBIA:

1. Will Columbia receive a contribution in aid of construction from Cooper for any or all of the proposed facility?

2. Under what rate schedule does Columbia plan to provide service to Cooper? What are Cooper's estimated daily and annual usages?

3. Refer to Exhibit 3 of the application.

a. Does the outlined square represent Cooper's lot within the industrial park or is the lot outside the boundaries of the park?

b. Regarding Columbia's existing 4-inch line, what does "WTHP" mean?

c. What is the maximum daily capacity of the existing 4-inch line?

d. Why is it necessary to construct a 6-inch line from the Ewington city gate to Cooper when the existing line to Ewington is a 4-inch line?

e. What will be the maximum operating pressure ("MOP") for the proposed 6-inch line? Will this MOP allow Columbia to provide service to any customer other than Cooper?

f. What are the average daily and peak day volumes currently flowing through the 4-inch line to Ewington?

g. What will be the maximum daily capacity of the 6-inch line?

4. Provide a breakdown of the estimated construction cost of \$261,825.

5. Provide a breakdown of the annual operating costs of \$1,050.

6. Describe the extent of Columbia's existing facilities in the area of Mt. Sterling and the Woodland Industrial Park. Describe any franchises Columbia has in this area.

QUESTIONS FOR DELTA:

1. Provide a map indicating the location of Delta's facilities in and adjacent to the Woodland Industrial Park. Identify all current and potential customers Delta can serve with its existing facilities.

2. Provide a copy of the Gas User Agreement between Delta and the Mount Sterling/Montgomery County Industrial Authority.

3. Has any part of the Woodland Industrial Park been annexed by any municipality?

4. Provide a detailed list of the costs Delta would incur to serve Cooper.

5. What are the maximum daily capacity and peak day capacity of Delta's existing facilities to the industrial park? Will these facilities allow Delta to meet all of Cooper's gas requirements?

6. As KRS Chapter 278 does not define service areas for gas utilities, explain the statement that the Cooper building will be located in Delta's service area.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 5th day of March, 1996.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
For the Commission

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director