

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)	
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO DEVIATE)	CASE NO. 97-319
FROM 807 KAR 5:006, SECTION 25(5)(a)(1)(c))	

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") shall file the original and 10 copies of the following information with the Commission with a copy to all parties of record no later than 15 days from the date of this Order. Columbia shall furnish with each response the name of the witness who will be available to respond to questions concerning each item of information should a public hearing be scheduled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an informal conference will be held on December 16, 1997 at 9:30 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Engineering Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 677 Comanche Trail, Frankfort, Kentucky, to discuss Columbia's statistical sample gas meters test plan and the responses requested herein.

1. Provide the overall estimated savings resulting from the proposed deviation.
2. Explain how Columbia will track the number of curb boxes which are not accessible.
3. What safety procedures will Columbia adopt to assure safe and adequate operation of class two curb boxes?
4. Explain how Columbia will record deficiencies found and corrective actions taken to remedy the deficiencies in class two curb boxes.
5. Explain how Columbia will inspect and visually examine class two curb boxes.

6. Explain how Columbia will inspect the curb box and valve for operable condition.
7. Refer to Columbia's application, (F) and (G). Louisville Gas & Electric Company ("LG&E") has separate programs for curb box accessibility inspections and other meter testing. Does Columbia seek authority to combine these programs? Explain in detail.
8. Refer to Columbia's application at (H). Explain why Columbia proposes neither additional curb box accessibility inspections nor remedial measures for inaccessible curb boxes in the "less than 3 percent" range.
9. Refer to Columbia's application at (J) 2.
 - a. Are the excess flow valves ("EFV") installed without curb boxes? If yes, explain how Columbia will access the EFV during an emergency.
 - b. Is it Columbia's position that EFVs are reactivated like electric circuit breakers?
 - c. Is it Columbia's position that EFVs will substitute for the safety shutoff valves?
10. Refer to page 5 of Columbia's application, last statement. Explain how Columbia will improve its operational efficiency by reducing the frequency of its class two curb box accessibility inspection.
11. Refer to page 4 of Columbia's application, (H)(5). What program would Columbia use to determine the geographic areas?

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 14th day of November, 1997.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:


Executive Director


For the Commission