

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BEBY JAYARAM)	
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COMPLAINANT)	
)	
V.)	CASE NO. 99-175
)	
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)	
)	
DEFENDANT)	

O R D E R

On August 8, 1999, the Commission entered an Order setting a formal hearing in this matter on September 29, 1999. The Commission also entered a procedural schedule for certain discovery and witness notification requirements.

On August 30, 1999, Beby Jayaram ("Complainant") filed a request to hold the hearing the first week of September.

The Commission's Order of August 19, 1999 contained a procedural schedule that permitted the parties to file a request for production of documents and written interrogatories upon the other party for the purpose of narrowing the issues and determining evidence that may be produced at the formal hearing.

On August 27, 1999, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. filed questions directed to the Complainant, and the Complainant answered those questions on August 30, 1999. The Complainant filed with his answers a request to move the hearing date forward to the first week of September. That request, however, was not possible to grant.

Complainant's grounds for the request were that he would be absent during the time set for the hearing. The Commission will consider the request of Complainant as a motion for continuance of the hearing scheduled for September 29, 1999. The Commission wishes to afford each party a reasonable opportunity to be heard, but will grant a continuance only upon grounds that it considers sufficient and under terms that will afford each party due process.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The formal hearing scheduled for September 29, 1999 is continued.
2. Unless either party files a written request for a hearing within 15 days from the date of this Order, a hearing will not be held, and this matter shall stand submitted to the Commission for a decision upon the filings in the record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of September, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director