

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.)	
_____)	CASE NO. 99-234
)	
ALLEGED VIOLATION OF COMMISSION)	
REGULATION 807 KAR 5:027, SECTION 3(1)(C))	

O R D E R

On June 14, 1999, the Commission issued an Order to Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia) to show cause why it should not be found in violation of 807 KAR 5:027, Section 3(1)(c), and penalized under KRS 278.992(1). The Commission set a hearing for July 29, 1999 to determine if Columbia should be assessed a penalty, pursuant to KRS 278.992(1), for the alleged violation. On June 30, 1999, Columbia filed a response to the Commission's Order, and requested an informal conference with Commission Staff. Pursuant to the Commission's Order, an informal conference was held on July 7, 1999. At that conference, Commission Staff and Columbia entered into a Settlement Agreement in which Columbia agreed to waive a formal hearing and to pay \$500 in settlement of this case.

After due consideration of the foregoing, and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that the Settlement Agreement dated September 8, 1999 is fair and reasonable, and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Settlement Agreement, attached hereto, is hereby incorporated into this Order as if fully set forth herein.

2. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Columbia shall pay a civil penalty of \$500 to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in settlement of this case. This payment shall be in the form of a cashier's check made payable to Kentucky State Treasurer and shall be mailed or delivered to the Office of General Counsel, Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Columbia shall provide to the Commission's Gas Branch personnel a copy of its newly developed guidelines covering the safe and appropriate use of ancillary equipment.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of November, 1999.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director