COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A PERMANENT STATISTICAL METER SAMPLING PLAN FOR RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CLASS METERS AND FOR AUTHORITY TO DEVIATE FROM 807 KAR 5:006, SECTION 25(5)(b)

)) CASE NO.) 2000-429)

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FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF TO COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and eight copies of the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due no later than fourteen days from the date of this request. Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a bound volume with each item tabbed. When a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6. Include with each response the name of the person who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. Where information herein has been previously provided, in the format requested herein, reference may be made to the specific location of said information in responding to this information request. When applicable, the information requested herein should be provided for total company operations and jurisdictional operations, separately. 1. List, by type and number in use, the service regulators used in Columbia's gas distribution system.

2. Provide the type and number of service regulators installed inside the premises of Columbia's customers.

3. During meter change out, describe in detail the inspection performed upon each type of service regulator.

4. Is there a lockup device in each type of service regulator to cut the gas on low or high pressure? Explain in detail.

5. Provide any records available to Columbia concerning the number of regulators for each class of customers which have been replaced annually in Columbia's system for the last 10 years.

6. Provide a copy of the performance warranty furnished by the manufacturers for each type of service regulator.

7. As to each type of service regulator used by Columbia, what are the maximum and minimum operating temperatures recommended by the manufacturer?

8. What is the maximum capacity of each type of the relief valves built in the service regulators in Columbia's system?

9. ANSI/ASQC Z1.4 has adopted MIL-STD-105 "Sample Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes," and it will be modifying its format in the future. Is Columbia willing to adopt ANSI/ASQC Z1.4 in its permanent Sample Meter Testing Plan?

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10. What is the maximum pressure exerted on residential appliances in case of regulator failure?

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cc: All Parties