

In support of its motion, Columbia Kentucky argued that public disclosure of this information would result in competitive harm by adversely impacting Columbia Kentucky's ability to negotiate future gas supply contracts at favorable prices and therefore would impair Columbia Kentucky's ability to minimize the price of natural gas paid by Columbia Kentucky's customers.

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the designated material is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary and public disclosure of the confidential information could result in commercial harm to Columbia Kentucky by impairing its ability to obtain the most favorable prices for its natural gas supply, which in turn would raise the price paid by Columbia Kentucky's customers for natural gas.⁴ For this reason, the Commission further finds that the designated material in the motion meets the criteria for confidential treatment and should be exempted from public disclosure pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Columbia Kentucky's July 29, 2024 motion for confidential treatment is granted.
2. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed on the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period or until further order of this Commission.
3. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

⁴ See Case No. 2023-00350, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC Jan. 10, 2025), Order at 2.

4. Columbia Kentucky shall inform the Commission if the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment.

5. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Columbia Kentucky shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Columbia Kentucky is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Columbia Kentucky to seek a remedy afforded by law.

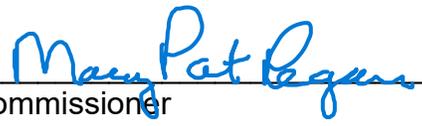
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