

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

**JOINT APPLICATION OF AMERIGAS PARTNERS,)
L.P. AND COMMERCIAL PROPANE SERVICE LLC)
FOR APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL PROPANE)
SERVICE LLC'S ACQUISITION OF AMERIGAS)
PARTNERS, L.P.'S UTILITY ASSETS IN OLD BRIDGE)
SUBDIVISION, DANVILLE, KENTUCKY)**

CASE NO. 2014-00250

**TESTIMONY OF
RICK HARRIS
DISTRICT MANAGER
AMERIGAS PROPANE, L.P.**

Filed: July 18, 2014

1 **Q. Please state your name, position and business address.**

2 A. My name is Rick Harris. I am a District Manager for AmeriGas Propane, L.P., a
3 subsidiary of AmeriGas Partners, L.P. (“AmeriGas”). I am charged with overseeing the
4 utility system at issue in this proceeding (“Old Bridge System”), which provides propane
5 service in the Old Bridge Subdivision of Danville, Kentucky. My business address is 103
6 West Brook Street, Burgin, KY 40310.

7 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

8 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide a brief explanation of the process by which
9 AmeriGas will transfer the Old Bridge System to Commercial Propane Service LLC
10 (“CPS”) and of AmeriGas’s post-transfer involvement in the Old Bridge System. I
11 conclude by recommending that the Kentucky Public Service Commission
12 (“Commission”) approve the application as filed.

13 **Q. Please describe how AmeriGas will transfer the Old Bridge System to CPS.**

14 A. AmeriGas and CPS signed a Sale and Purchase Agreement (“Agreement”) on July 17,
15 2014. (A copy of the Agreement and all attachments is attached to the Joint Application
16 as **Exhibit 3.**) The Agreement provides for the complete transfer of AmeriGas’s utility
17 operations and assets pertaining to the Old Bridge System. Prior to executing the
18 Agreement, AmeriGas performed a system inspection, including leak tests, to assure CPS
19 that the Old Bridge System is in a safe and operable condition. (A copy of the system-
20 inspection certification is attached to the Joint Application as **Exhibit 4.**) Upon approval
21 by the Commission, AmeriGas will provide notice of the transfer to the affected
22 customers. The Old Bridge System and related assets, documents, and customer records
23 will then be transferred to CPS with no interruption in service.

1 **Q. Will AmeriGas be involved in the operation of the Old Bridge System following the**
2 **transfer?**

3 A. Yes. CPS has requested that Bright's Bottle Gas, a subsidiary of AmeriGas, provide
4 customer-installation services in the event additional customers connect to the Old Bridge
5 System; thus, the customers in the Old Bridge Subdivision may notice some familiar
6 trucks and faces. Furthermore, AmeriGas stands ready to provide any additional services
7 CPS may determine it wants to purchase.

8 **Q. Please briefly describe your experiences with CPS and its Owner and President,**
9 **Mike Roberts.**

10 A I have known Mike Roberts for more than 15 years. He has performed work for me
11 while at AmeriGas, Heritage Propane, Inergy LP, and Star Gas Partners LP. The work he
12 performed for me over those years was always more than satisfactory. I am confident
13 that he and his team at CPS will ably own and operate the Old Bridge System.

14 **Q. What is your recommendation to the Commission?**

15 A I recommend the Commission approve the application as filed. CPS is more than
16 qualified to own and operate the Old Bridge System. As the application demonstrates,
17 CPS possesses the abilities necessary to operate a utility. Furthermore, this transfer is in
18 the public interest and will provide AmeriGas's current utility customers the continued
19 utility service they desire.

20 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

21 A. Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF Jefferson, SS:

The undersigned, **Rick Harris**, being duly sworn, deposes and says he is the District Manager for AmeriGas Propane, L.P. that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing verified application, and the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

Rick Harris
Rick Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this 17 day of July 2014.

Janet M Patma (Seal)
Notary Public (SEAL)

My Commission Expires:
June 18, 2015

