

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the matter of: )  
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INVESTIGATION INTO COLUMBIA GAS ) Case No. 2020-00313  
OF KE TUCKY, INC PURSUANT TO KRS )  
278.250 )

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**STATEMENT OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.**

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Now comes Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (“Columbia”), and submits the following statement in response to the Commission’s September 30, 2020 Order. Columbia sincerely regrets and apologizes for any delays that it may have caused due to its untimely review and execution of the contract template with Community Action of Council of Kentucky (“CAK”).

On May 4, 2020, the Commission issued an Order in Case No. 2019-00366, making several modifications to Columbia’s (as well as all of the other investor owned utilities) energy assistance program. Pursuant to the Commission’s Order, CAK was to enter into a contract with each utility to administer an energy assistance program consistent with the Commission’s guidelines. On August, 26, 2020, Columbia received a contract template from CAK. Columbia began review internally and had several modifications and questions related to the template. By the time Columbia had returned its edits to CAK, several other utilities had executed the template agreement. Columbia

had every intention of executing the contract, but had several questions and suggested edits. Columbia's edits were not meant to delay, but rather to make the agreement better and more fully consistent with both the letter and spirit of the Public Service Commission's intent. Columbia was untimely in its review and makes no excuses for that. There was a subsequent breakdown in communication between CAK and Columbia which led to even further delay in executing the contract.

With the help of Commission staff, Columbia and CAK have been able to work together to reach an agreement and Columbia filed a fully executed agreement on October 7, 2020. Once again, Columbia apologizes the confusion it has caused by its delay in execution of the contract with CAK. Columbia had no intention to ignore the Commission's Order, but rather got caught up in the review of the contract. Columbia appreciates CAK's cooperation and looks forward to a continued partnership

Dated at Columbus, Ohio, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC**

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