COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of:)
ELECTRONIC TARIFF FILING OF)
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY,) Case No. 2021-00386
INC. TO EXTEND ITS SMALL)
VOLUME GAS TRANSPORTATION)
SERVICE)
)

MOTION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR A DECISION ON THE RECORD

Now comes Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia"), by counsel, and, pursuant to the December 7, 2021 Procedural Order ("Procedural Order"), hereby moves the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") to decide the above captioned proceeding on the record already established in this case and without the need for a formal hearing. Columbia respectfully states as follows:

On October 7, 2021, Columbia filed a proposed tariff change to continue its Small Volume Gas Transportation Service ("CHOICE") program through March 31, 2025, with no change to any aspect of the program. Between November 11, 2021 and January 14, 2022, Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. ("IGS") and Constellation New Energy ("Constellation"), jointly and XOOM Energy Kentucky, LLC ("XOOM") filed motions to intervene (collectively, "Intervenors"). These motions were granted on January 13, 2022

and January 25, 2022. On March 17, 2022, the Commission extended the CHOICE program through the duration of the Procedural Order at the request of the Intervenors. Columbia submitted both direct and supplemental testimony of Judy M. Cooper on January 18, 2022 and April 29, 2022, respectively. Columbia also submitted responses to both initial and supplemental data requests from the Commission and XOOM. The Intervenors have also responded to requests from the Commission.

The issue presented to the Commission is simple: whether to permit the extension of the CHOICE program, or to allow it to terminate. Columbia believes that the record sufficiently and accurately evidences that Columbia and its customers desire the continuation of the CHOICE program, as presented in Columbia's October 7, 2021 tariff filing. As indicated above, all of the parties have submitted substantial information into the record and as a result, a hearing is not needed.

Accordingly, Columbia is willing to waive its right to a hearing and requests that the Commission continue Columbia's current CHOICE program as it has done periodically since the program's inception. However, should the Commission or Commission Staff have any remaining questions concerning the application or the relief sought by Columbia, the Company would be willing to participate in a formal hearing and reserves all rights with respect thereto.

Dated at Columbus, Ohio, this 6th day of May 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on May 6, 2022; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that the filing has been sent via electronic mail to the parties listed below.

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