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November 10, 2023

Linda Bridwell
Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
Frankfort, KY 40602-0605

RE: **KY PSC Case No. 2023-00297**

Dear Ms. Bridwell,

On October 3, 2023 the Commission issued its Order in the above referenced case granting Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") to bid on a Franchise offered by the City of Raceland, Kentucky. The purpose of this letter is to inform the Commission that the City of Raceland has revised its deadline for receipt of bids for the offered franchise.

Columbia's application for the CPCN contained the notice of public sale of franchise that was published on August 31, 2023 in *The Greenup Gazette*. On November 2, 2023, a new notice of public sale of franchise by the City of Raceland was published in *The Greenup Gazette*. The deadline for receipt of bids is now November 14, 2023. A copy of the public notice is attached.

Columbia intends to bid on the offered franchise pursuant to the CPCN granted by the Commission on October 3, 2023. All other provisions of Columbia's application remain as originally submitted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ John R. Ryan

John R. Ryan
Senior Counsel

Enclosure(s)

Public Notices / Community

Legislative update by Rep. Danny Bentley

The legislature's interim joint committees and budget review subcommittees continue to prepare for the next legislative session, which will convene on January 2. During the October meeting of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee, lawmakers received an update on the funding for teacher raises provided in the 2022 budget, as well as testimony on social worker retention, juvenile

justice, all-terrain vehicle trails, children in state custody, general aviation, and Medicaid reimbursements.

Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue: Members heard from the Kentucky School Board Association (KSBA) and the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents on school funding approaches. Both discussed how individual districts chose to use

funding provided by the legislature to increase teacher and staff pay and the KSBA shared data from a survey sent to districts before the start of the 2022-2023 school year. The survey asked districts about raises for school personnel.

The biennial budget passed in 2022 provided funding for raises for the Kentucky State Police and state employees. Since teachers and school per-

sonnel work directly for school districts, lawmakers respected the request of district administrators and provided millions in additional funding so districts could provide pay raises to teachers and staff, as well as make investments in other areas they identified as priorities.

According to the KSBA, 162 out of 171 school districts used those resources to give raises. While nine did not, the majority gave a raise the prior year.

Budget committee members also heard from the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) on social worker employment status. The current budget provided pay increases for social worker and family support classifications. In addition to more than \$86 million in raises targeted for social workers, the measure provided an additional 8% raise in July, 2022 and 6% raise in July, 2023. This brings the starting annual salary from \$33,644 to \$50,754. In January 2023, DCBS employed 4,051 individuals. As of August 2023, they employed 4,620 individuals. DCBS indicated that they are looking to increase their maximum employee cap to add 100 social worker positions. The cap increase would have each social worker with approximately 19 individuals on their case load. The committee requested a follow-up on current case load numbers.

Overall, I am pleased by the updates and glad to see that the targeted way we invested taxpayer dollars has resulted in pay increases for two critical areas – teachers and social workers.

Budget Review Subcommittee on General Government, Finance, Personnel, and Public Retirement: Members discussed a request for public funding of apprenticeship programs administered by

the retail and insurance industries, as well as one offered by Kentucky Rural Water Association. Currently, Kentucky is home to over 4,000 registered apprentices.

Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary: Legislators heard from the Department of Juvenile Justice on their compliance with juvenile justice reforms enacted during the 2023 Regular Session. The Administrative Office of the Courts shared their budget requests with the subcommittee. They proposed that funding would be used to

improve and maintain judicial facilities across the commonwealth as well as the construction of new judicial buildings in counties the department has designated as having critical need.

As always, I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can contact me by e-mail at danny.bentley@lrc.ky.gov.

And keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT
ACTION NO. 22-CI-00353**

DEREK DUNCIL PLAINTIFF
vs. Notice of Sale
ESTATE OF JAMES E. REFFETT, ET AL DEFENDANTS

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on October 23, 2023, I will on **Friday, December 1, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 p.m.**, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder at the main (front) entrance door of the Greenup County Courthouse at Greenup, Kentucky, the following described real estate, to-wit:

TRACT NO. I: Beginning at a point marked by an iron stake in Kentucky Route #2, thence running in Westerly direction a distance of 110 feet to an iron stake; thence running in a Northerly direction a distance of 60 feet to an iron stake; thence running in an Easterly direction a distance of 110 feet to a stake in the Westerly line of Kentucky Route #2; thence in a Southerly direction with the Western line of Kentucky Route #2 a distance of 60 feet to the place of beginning.

TRACT NO. II: Beginning at a point in Kentucky Route #2, which said point adjoins Tract No. I describe above; thence in a Northerly direction of 25 feet with Kentucky Route #2; thence running in a Westerly direction a distance of 110 feet to a distance stake; thence running in a Southerly direction a distance of 25 feet to the line of Tract No. I above described; thence running in an Easterly direction with the line of Tract No. I above described a distance of 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed by Leslie Purnell an Elizabeth Purnell, his wife, to James Reffett and Sallie Reffett, his wife, (said Sallie Reffett being the same person as Sally Reffett and the same person as Grantor in the present deed) by Deed dated October 26, 1988, and recorded in Deed Book 372, Page 370, Greenup County Court Clerk's Records. Also being part of the same property conveyed from Sallie Reffett to James E. Reffett, said Deed being recorded in Deed Book 429, Page 564, and dated January 26, 1995 and recorded in the Greenup County Court Clerk's Records and identified as Parcel VII.

Property Address: 5944 State Route 2, Greenup, Kentucky 41144

Parcel ID#: 110-00-00-013.00

The above described property shall be sold as a whole on terms of cash at the time of sale, but if not so paid in cash at the time of sale, the purchaser shall pay a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price at the time of sale and execute a bond for the balance of the purchase price payable within thirty (30) days, with sufficient surety approved by the Special Master Commissioner of this Court, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid; and a lien shall be retained upon the real estate described herein to secure payment of the purchase price. If the purchaser does not so pay the purchase price, execution may be levied by the Special Master Commissioner of this Court for full payment of the purchase price together with any accrued interest.

Out of the proceeds derived from the sale herein, the Special Master Commissioner shall retain the same until further Orders of the Court for disbursement. Reference is made to all proceedings in this case now on file with the Clerk of the Greenup Circuit Court, Courthouse Annex, Harrison Street, Greenup, Kentucky, this is the 26th day of October, 2023.

Reagan Reed
SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER
GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT

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**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO: 19-CI-00292
Electronically Filed**

JOYCE VERSINO PLAINTIFF
VS:
COMMONWEALTH CD FUND, LLC DEFENDANT/
CROSS-CLAIMANT
vs. NOTICE OF SALE
JENTRY C. SMITH
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENTRY C. SMITH
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS OF 801 US 23 SOUTH
JOELOM INVESTMENTS, LLC
CITY OF GREENUP,
KENTUCKY COUNTY OF GREENUP, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

In pursuance to a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the above styled action on September 21, 2023, I will on **Monday, November 20, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 p.m.**, offer for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder, at the main and front door of the County Courthouse at Greenup, Kentucky, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Parcel/Map ID# 148-20-03-016.00
Commonly known as: 801 US 23 South, Greenup, KY 41144

Being approximately One and one-fifth (1 1/5) acre in the Town of Greenup, KY.

Excepting therefrom the property conveyed in Deed Book 259, Page 381 and Deed Book 296, Page 261 and Deed Book 296, Page 267, all in the Office of the Clerk of Greenup County, Kentucky.

LSOT: Deed Book 651, Page 752, in the Office of the Greenup County Court Clerk

The above described property shall be sold as a whole on terms of cash or on a credit of thirty (30) days. If sold on terms of credit, the purchaser shall be required to make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price and shall execute a bond with good surety for the remaining balance, said bond being payable to the Master Commissioner and shall bear interest at the rate the judgment herein bears from the date of sale until paid and shall have the force and effect of a judgment, upon which execution may issue, if not paid at maturity. A lien shall be retained upon the real estate so sold as additional security.

Out of the proceeds derived from sale herein, the Master Commissioner shall retain same until further Orders of the Court. Reference is hereby made to all proceedings in said case now on file with the Clerk of the Greenup Circuit Court, Greenup, Kentucky, this 27th day of October, 2023.

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F. H. W.
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT
P.O. Box 617
Greenup KY 41144
(606) 473-5381

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Greysbranch School District has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to conduct construction for a new multi-use gymnasium on the site of Greysbranch Elementary. The property is located east of US-23 and west of the Ohio River, about one (1) mile south of KY-10. The site is to the north of Musketeer Drive on the School's campus. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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**DEADLINE
POLICY**

All news items and ads should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday for the following Thursday edition

Looking for land to lease for 2023 deer hunting season.



Only two responsible adults would ever be on the property.

Call or text Troy Dickens, 865-742-0974.

NOTICE OF SALE AND ADVERTISEMENT

BY THE CITY OF RACELAND FOR THE SALE OF A FRANCHISE AUTHORIZING THE OWNER THEREOF TO OWN, MAINTAIN, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES UPON, ALONG, OVER AND UNDER THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES, PUBLIC WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE SAID CITY. ALL ACCEPTED BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO 711 CHINN STREET, RACELAND, KENTUCKY, 41169 C/O CITY CLERK SUZIE GIBEAUT. ALL ACCEPTED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 4PM ON NOVEMBER 14TH AT WHICH TIME THE FRANCHISE WILL BE OFFERED FOR PUBLIC SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

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NOTICE OF BID

Notice of bid for surplus properties by the city of Raceland located at 815 Greenup Avenue, 801 Greenup Avenue, and 305 Pond Run Road, Raceland, Kentucky 41169. All properties are connected and zoned for commercial development.

All accepted bids shall be submitted to 711 Chinn Street, Raceland, Kentucky, 41169 c/o city administrator Dustin Burchett or emailed to dburchett@racelandky.org. All accepted bids must be submitted by 4 p.m. on November 14th. For any questions contact city administrator Dustin Burchett 606-571-4352.

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NOTICE OF SALE AND ADVERTISEMENT

BY THE CITY OF RACELAND FOR THE SALE OF A FRANCHISE AUTHORIZING THE OWNER THEREOF TO OWN, MAINTAIN, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION LINES UPON, ALONG, OVER AND UNDER THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES, PUBLIC WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE SAID CITY. ALL ACCEPTED BIDS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO 711 CHINN STREET, RACELAND, KENTUCKY, 41169 C/O CITY CLERK SUZIE GIBEAUT. ALL ACCEPTED BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 4PM ON NOVEMBER 14TH AT WHICH TIME THE FRANCHISE WILL BE OFFERED FOR PUBLIC SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

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Summary of Ordinance No. 2023-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RACELAND, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SALE OF A FRANCHISE AUTHORIZING THE OWNER THEREOF TO OWN, MAINTAIN, CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES UPON, ALONG, OVER AND UNDER THE STREETS, THOROUGHFARES, ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS, BRIDGES, PUBLIC WAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE SAID CITY.

Because the City of Raceland desires to grant a franchise for an electric power company to own, maintain, construct, and operate its electric power transmission and distribution lines upon, along, over and under the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places of the City, and there exists a public necessity for adequate service of electric power and energy to the citizens of the City, and, it appears that it is in the interest of the public that a franchise be advertised and sold, granting and entitling the grantee to use the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and public places for the erection, operation and maintenance of lines for the transmission and distribution of electric power to the citizens of the City, and to persons, firms and corporations beyond the limits of the City.

Therefore, it will be ordained by the City that there be sold at public auction to the highest and best bidder, the franchise, privilege, right and authority to acquire, maintain, construct and operate in, above, under, across and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, sidewalks, bridges, public ways and other public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the City, lines, poles and equipment for the distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all the necessary or desirable appurtenances, for the purpose of supplying electric energy to the City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof, for light, heat, power and any other purpose or purposes for which electric energy is now or may hereafter be used, and for the transmission of the same within, through or across the City.

The terms and conditions for the bidding and acceptance process, as well as the scope of the franchise, are outlined by the Ordinance and are in accordance with the KRS and the state constitution of Kentucky.

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