COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of: ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ITS ANNUAL SAFETY MODIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FILING

Case No. 2023-00335

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 5, 2023 Procedural Order ("Procedural Order"), hereby moves the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "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 13, 2023, Columbia filed its annual revision to the Safety Modification and Replacement Program Rider ("SMRP"). On December 22, 2023, Commission Staff issued five requests for information, to which Columbia responded on January 10, 2024. On December 27, 2023, Columbia provided the Commission with notice of its implementation of new SMRP rates, subject to refund, starting January 3, 2024.

Columbia believes that the record sufficiently and accurately provides the Commission with the information necessary to review its annual SMRP filing. Accordingly, Columbia is willing to waive its right to a hearing and hereby requests that the Commission decide this case on the record. 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 17th day of January 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC

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