

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of:)
)
 ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA)
 GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO CONTINUE ITS) Case No. 2024-00012
 GAS COST INCENTIVE ADJUSTMENT)
 PERFORMANCE BASED RATE MAKING)
 MECHANISM)

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.'S
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION**

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DATED MAY 22, 2024**

Refer to Columbia Kentucky's response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 12. Describe the status of Columbia Kentucky's negotiation of the expiring contracts with TC Energy and Tennessee Gas Pipeline.

Response:

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Describe the impact of the Commission's required change in the sharing benchmark in Case No. 2020-00378¹ on Columbia Kentucky's gas acquisition activities and sharing of gas cost savings through the Performance-Based Rate (PBR) Making Mechanism.

Response:

The change in the sharing benchmark in Case No. 2020-00378¹ did not change Columbia Kentucky's gas acquisition activities. The change did reduce Columbia's share of gas cost savings. Prior to that case, Columbia would share in 30 percent of savings up to the first 2 percent of gas cost and 50 percent share thereafter. The number was increase to 30% of the first 4.5 percent and 50 percent thereafter as a result of Case No. 2020-00378¹.

¹ Case No. 2020-00378, *Electronic Application of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. to Extend Its Gas Cost Incentive Adjustment Performance Based Rate Making Mechanism* (Ky. PSC June 6, 2022).

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VERIFICATION OF PATRICK PLUARD

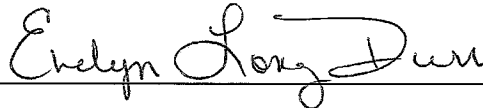
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 COUNTY OF FAYETTE)

Patrick Pluard, Director of Portfolio Optimization for NiSource Corporate Services Company, on behalf of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., being duly sworn, states that he has supervised the preparation of responses to discovery in the above-referenced case and that the matters and things set forth therein are true and accurate to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry.



Patrick Pluard

The foregoing Verification was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me this 5th day of June, 2024, by Patrick Pluard.



Notary Commission No. KYNP 49615

Commission expiration: May 15, 2026

