COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA)	
GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR ITS ANNUAL)	CASE NO. 2024-00328
SAFETY MODIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT)	
PROGRAM FILING)	

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER DATED JULY 24, 2025 ORDERING PARAGRAPH 5 – REFUND REPORT

Comes now Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia Gas" or "Company"), by counsel, pursuant to the Commission's order on July 24, 2025, and hereby submits its response to Ordering paragraph 5. Paragraph states as follows:

5. Within 75 days of the date of service of this Order, Columbia Kentucky shall submit a written report to the Commission in which it describes its efforts to refund all monies collected in excess of the rates that are set forth in the Appendix to this Order.

I. BACKGROUND

On October 15, 2024, Columbia Kentucky filed an application and tariff to revise its Safety Modification and Replacement Program ("SMRP") rates, effective December 31, 2024, based on a forecasted test period ending December 31, 2025. On November 12, 2024, the Commission entered an Order suspending rates for one day until January 1, 2025, to give the Commission time to investigate. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), Columbia Gas filed

written notice to the Commission on December 30, 2024 of its intention to place the suspended rates into effect on and after January 2, 2025, subject to refund, pending the Commission's final Order in this matter. The Commission's final Order was entered July 24, 2025, which approved lower rates than Columbia Kentucky placed into effect on January 2, 2025.

II. REFUND REPORT

Based upon the Commission's final Order, the Company began calculating refunds due each customer and the Company has executed the following procedures:

- 1. The Company calculated the SMRP rate refund due each customer based on each individual customer's usage from January 2, 2025, through the customer's most recent meter reading prior to July 30, 2025. The refund due each customer equals the amount paid by each customer during that period in excess of the rates approved by the Commission in the Appendix of the final Order.
 - a. The Company calculated the volumetric rate refund due each customer by comparing the difference between rates implemented on January 2, 2025 and those in the final Order based on each customer's individual usage from January 2, 2025, through the customer's most recent meter reading prior to July 30, 2025.

- 2. The Company credited each customer's bill for the refund due on the customer's billing date as each billing cycle commenced beginning August 20, 2025. All billing cycles were complete, and refunds credited within the 60-day period as set forth in Ordering Paragraph 5.
- 3. For customers whose status became inactive between January 2, 2025, and the calculation of the refund, the Company mailed a check to the customer's last known or forwarding address.

The Company refunded a total of \$49,212.14. These amounts have been credited to customers' bills as described above or mailed to the customer's last known forwarding address if applicable. Please see Exhibit 1 for detailed information regarding the amount of refund issued by customer class.

This 7th day of October, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on October 7, 2025; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that pursuant to the Commission's July 22, 2021 Order in Case No. 2020-00085, no paper copies of the filing will be made.

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EXHIBIT 1

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
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Ordering Paragraph 5 - Refund Report
Exhibit 1

Total	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	IUS	
Total Refund	(32,999.67)	(13,673.17)	(2,527.30)	(12.00)	(49,212.14)