

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA	)	
GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR TARIFF SMRP	)	CASE NO. 2025-00071
BALANCING ADJUSTMENT	)	

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.'S
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 2,
2025, ORDERING PARAGRAPH 5 – REFUND REPORT

Comes now Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (“Columbia ” or “Company”), by counsel, pursuant to the Commission’s order on September 2, 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 March 31, 2025, Columbia filed its annual balancing adjustment pursuant to the requirements of the Safety Modification and Replacement Program (“SMRP”) Rider, with proposed rates to be effective May 30, 2025. On May 22, 2025, the Commission entered an Order suspending rates for one day, allowing the rates to be implemented as early as May 31, 2025, subject to refund, to give the Commission time to investigate. Pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), Columbia filed

written notice to the Commission on May 28, 2025 of its intention to place the suspended rates into effect on and after May 31, 2025, subject to refund, pending the Commission's final Order in this matter. The Commission's final Order was entered September 2, 2025, wherein the Commission found that Columbia's proposed balancing adjustment of \$669,483 was reasonable but the calculation of the rates should be based on the approved rates from Case No. 2024-00328, rather than the proposed rates from Case No. 2024-00328 that Columbia had used in its application on March 31, 2025. Therefore, Columbia's proposed rates were denied and the SMRP Rider rates approved reflected the lower, actual rates as authorized in Case No. 2024-00328.

II. REFUND REPORT

Based upon the Commission's final Order, there are no additional refunds arising from the rates placed into effect May 31, 2025 and those approved in the Commission's final Order of September 2, 2025. The incremental change in the approved rates was found reasonable and the change in the rates, resulting from the difference in the proposed and authorized rates in Case No. 2024-00328, has already been refunded to customers in compliance with the Commission's Order of July 24, 2025 in Case No. 2024- 00328. The refund report to the Commission was filed on October 7, 2025. Therefore, there are no additional refunds resulting from this Order. All refunds have been completed and reported to the Commission in Case No. 2024-00328.

This 7th day of November, 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 November 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Alyson Hinder".

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