

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF	)	
COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.	)	CASE NO.
FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES;	)	2026-00099
APPROVAL OF DEPRECIATION STUDY;	)	
APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS; AND	)	
OTHER RELIEF	)	

MOTION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Comes now Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (“Columbia”), by and through counsel, pursuant to KRS 61.878, 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13 and other applicable law, and for its motion requesting that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) afford confidential treatment to information provided in Responses to Commission Staff’s Fifth Request for Information (“Staff’s Fifth Request”). In support of its motion, Columbia hereby states as follows:

1. On September 8, 2026, Commission Staff issued Staff’s Fifth Request. Contemporaneously with this Motion, Columbia is filing its responses to Staff’s Fifth Request.
2. Columbia is requesting confidential protection of a portion of Attachment B to its response to Staff’s Fifth Request, Item 5, which required Columbia to provide

comparisons of the forecasted test year revenue requirement with and without inclusion of the Safety Modification and Replacement Program (“SMRP”). Columbia is requesting confidential treatment of the attachment provided in response to Staff’s Fifth Request, Item 6, which required a specific listing of job vacancies and their associated compensation information. Columbia is also requesting confidential protection for certain information filed in its response to Staff’s Fifth Request, Item 7, which required Columbia to provide information regarding open positions and their associated compensation information.

3. Collectively, the information described above is designated as the “Confidential Information” for which protection is sought under KRS 61.878(1)(a), KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1). Disclosure of the Confidential Information would permit an unfair commercial advantage to third parties and present an unnecessary and unreasonable infringement upon Columbia’s legitimate privacy concerns.

4. The Kentucky Open Records Act and applicable precedent exempts the Confidential Information from disclosure, including KRS 61.878(1)(a); KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1); *Zink v. Department of Workers Claims, Labor Cabinet*, 902 S.W.2d 825 (Ky. App. 1994); *Hoy v. Kentucky Industrial Revitalization Authority*, 907 S.W.2d 766, 768 (Ky. 1995). The public disclosure of the Confidential Information would harm Columbia’s competitive position in the marketplace by offering competitors insights into information that is not otherwise publicly available and would be to the detriment of Columbia. The

confidentiality of this information is critical to Columbia's effective execution of business decisions and strategy. For these reasons, the Confidential Information satisfies both the statutory and common law standards for affording confidential treatment.

5. Columbia is requesting confidential treatment of Staff's Fifth Request, Item 5, Attachment B, Tab INPUT - NCSC CKY GenCo Adj pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1). The information in Attachment B is derived from the Direct Testimony of George Jonda, Attachment GBJ-4. The Commission granted indefinite confidential treatment to Attachment GBJ-4 in its July 8, 2026 Order.¹ Columbia is requesting confidential treatment for this material again.

6. Columbia is requesting confidential treatment of the attachment provided in response to Staff's Fifth Request, Item 6. This request was a follow up for Columbia to address information provided in response to Commission Staff's Third Request for Information ("Staff's Third Request"), Item 24. On August 24, 2026, Columbia filed a Motion for Confidential Treatment for the response to Staff's Third Request, Item 24. The Commission has not yet ruled upon that motion. Columbia is renewing its request for confidential treatment pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1) and incorporating those arguments by reference for the attachment provided in response to Staff's Fifth Request, Item 6. If the information contained in these attachments were disclosed publicly, it could

¹ Order (Ky. P.S.C. July 8, 2026).

harm NiSource and its other operating corporations and could ultimately negatively impact costs that are allocated to and incurred by Columbia and its customers.

7. Columbia is requesting confidential treatment of its Attachment to the response to Staff's Fifth Request, Item 7. The response is derived from page 189 of Tab 72 to the Application. The Commission granted indefinite confidential treatment to page 189 of Tab 72 in its August 14, 2026 Order.² Columbia is requesting confidential treatment for this material again.

8. Overall, the Confidential Information consists of sensitive and proprietary information that is retained by Columbia on a "need-to-know" basis. NiSource and Columbia take all reasonable measures to prevent disclosure of the Confidential Information. Moreover, the Confidential Information is distributed within Columbia only to those employees who must have access for business reasons and is generally recognized as confidential and proprietary in the energy industry.

9. Columbia does not object to limited disclosure of the Confidential Information, pursuant to an acceptable confidentiality and nondisclosure agreement, to intervenors with a legitimate interest in reviewing same for the sole purpose of participating in this case. Columbia reserves the right to object to providing the Confidential Information to any intervenor if said provision could result in liability to Columbia under any Confidentiality Agreement or Non-Disclosure Agreement.

² Order (Ky. P.S.C. August 14, 2026).

Columbia further reserves the right to object to sharing the Confidential Information with any party that may have a mixed-motive for accessing the Confidential Information, that may be a competitor of Columbia in any market, who may have a commercial conflict of interest or for any other reason.

10. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(2), Columbia is filing separately under seal one (1) unredacted copy of the information with highlights. Columbia is noting in the public version the filing confidential responses.

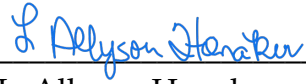
11. In accordance with the provisions of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(2), Columbia respectfully requests that the Confidential Information be withheld from public disclosure for an indefinite period.

12. If, and to the extent, the Confidential Information becomes publicly available or otherwise no longer warrants confidential treatment, Columbia will notify the Commission and have its confidential status removed, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001 Section 13(10).

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission classify and protect as confidential the Confidential Information described herein for an indefinite period.

This the 23rd day of September 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on September 23, 2026, and that there are no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding. Pursuant to prior Commission Orders, no paper copies of this filing will be made.



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