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September 30, 2009

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
Attention: Stephen B. Seiple
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P.O. Box 117
Columbus, Ohio 43216-0117

Re: Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.
Petition for Confidential Treatment received 5/15/09
PSC Reference – Case No. 2009-00141

Dear Mr. Seiple:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Treatment you filed on May 15, 2009 on behalf of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.870. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as information contained in Columbia's Responses to Data Request Nos. 31 and 43 dated May 15, 2009, and described as the names and specific annual compensation information of various officers and employees of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the portion of the information you seek to keep confidential relating to regular employee names is of a personal nature and therefore **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001. However, the names and salaries of officers of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. **does not meet the criteria for confidential protection and is therefore DENIED.** The Commission opines that your Petition for Confidential Protection should be resubmitted with the names of the regular employees being replaced with an employee

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ID number, with the salaries listed. The names and salaries of the officers are not exempt and must be filed in the public record.

If the information granted confidential protection becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

The information denied confidentiality will be withheld from public inspection for 20 days from the date of this letter. If you disagree with the Commission's decision, you may seek rehearing with the Commission within 20 days of the date of this letter under the provisions of KRS 278.400.

Sincerely,



Jeff Derouen
Executive Director

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cc: Parties of Record