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Mr. Jeff Derouen Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission P. O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

March 20, 2013

RE: Case No. 2012-00428

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Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed an original and fourteen (14) copies of the Responses of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., to the Attorney General's Initial Request for Information dated February 27, 2013.

If you have any questions, please call me at (859) 288-0242 or email jmcoop@nisource.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

KYPSC Case No. 2012-00428 Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 001 Respondent: Judy M. Cooper

COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. RESPONSE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S INITIAL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION DATED FEBRUARY 27, 2013

1. Since the Commission initiated Consideration of the New Federal Standards of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Administrative Case No. 2008-00408, has the company changed its position regarding Smart Grid? If so, how?

Response: No, the company has not changed its position.

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- 2. Are the technologies pertaining to the implementation of Smart Grid definitely known and proven?
 - a. If yes, explain in detail every aspect from the use of each technology from the company to the end-user.
 - b. If not, explain in detail what technologies are already advancing/improving as well as those that are envisioned on the immediate time horizon.

Response: As a natural gas distribution utility, the company does not have specific expertise on the technologies of the electric Smart Grid.

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3. In light of resent catastrophic storms over the past ten years (for example,

the various ice storms, tornadoes, and strong winds), which electric companies

have experienced, and for which the company may ultimately have sought

regulatory assets, can the company affirmatively state that its basic

infrastructure, including all of its generation, transmission and distribution

facilities, have proven to be reliable 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days

a week? If not, for each and every storm that it affected the utility in excess of

two days, please provide the following:

a. The number of days before the company's last ratepayer's electricity

was restored for each storm.

b. The average number of days, or hours if applicable, that the average

ratepayer's outage lasted for each storm.

c. The average financial loss for the average ratepayer for each storm, if

known.

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4. Does the company agree with the Attorney General that electricity is not considered a luxury service but a necessary commodity of modern life? If not, why not?

Response: The Company is not aware of the Attorney General having expressed this opinion, but generally agrees with the statement.

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5. Does the company agree that the fundamental reliability of its electric grid - i.e., the delivery of electricity to the end-user 24/7/365 - is paramount to the end-user's ability to monitor and/ or conserve his/her demand or electricity consumption? If not, why not?

Response: Not applicable. The company does not have its own electric grid.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 006

Respondent: Judy M. Cooper

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6. Please state whether the company is aware of any cybersecurity breaches effecting the electric and gas industries that have either occurred in the United States or internationally. If the answer is in the affirmative, please explain the details of the breaches without exposing information that is not already in the public domain.

Response: Columbia is generally aware of cybersecurity threats, however, is not aware of specific details of any breaches.

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7. Please confirm that the company is aware that the prior United States

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, in speaking on the vulnerability of the

nation's electric grid with the consequential safety and security concerns that

ensue, warned the Senate Appropriations Committee on Defense that the risk to

the United States could even be considered the equivalent of a "digital Pearl

Harbor4.

Is this concern of the vulnerability of the nation's electric grid shared by the

company? If not, why not?

Response: I am not aware of the specific quote, however, Columbia generally

agrees that safety and security are concerns shared by most Americans in today's

world.

⁴ Comments by Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, Hearing on FY 13 DoD Budget, June 13, 2012.

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- 8. With regard to cybersecurity in general, can the company unequivocally confirm that its system reliability is not vulnerable to a cybersecurity attack? If not, what could be the consequences? Please explain in detail as much as possible for the following:
 - a. the company, and
 - b. the company's ratepayers.

Response: Columbia takes cybersecurity seriously and has taken steps to protect itself, however, the company cannot guarantee that a breach could not occur. Consequences to Columbia and our customers could include, but are not limited to, financial loss, exposure of customer data and compromised service or deliverability.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 009

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9. Please provide the names of the standards, protocols or policies which the company observes and/or implements in its maintaining its system reliability from cybersecurity threats.

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10. Please provide copies of the standards, protocols or policies which the company observes and/or implements in its maintaining its system reliability from cybersecurity threats.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 011

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11. With regard to cybersecurity in general, can the company unequivocally

confirm that its ratepayers' privacy of data cannot be compromised or otherwise

divulged to any individual or entity not associated with the company, or a

qualified third-party which has issues a non-disclosure statement or the

ratepayers? If not, what could be the consequences? Please explain in detail as

much as possible for the following:

a. the company, and

b. the company's ratepayers.

Response: Please see response to AG No. 8.

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12. If a qualified third-party that has agreed to a non-disclosure statement and obtains ratepayers' private information, what guarantees exist that the information will not be disclosed, whether intentionally or unintentionally?

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13. Please provide the names of the standards, protocols or policies which the company observes and/or implements in its maintaining its ratepayers' privacy data from cybersecurity threats.

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14. Please provide copies of the standards, protocols or policies which the company observes and/or implements in its maintaining its ratepayers' privacy data from cybersecurity threats.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 015

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15. Given the vulnerability of the electric grid to cyberattacks, describe what analog (non-digital) means the company will have in place to insure reliability, including but not limited to the maintenance of legacy systems.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 016

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16. What are the company's estimated costs to invest in order to fully

implement Smart Grid?

a. Do any cost estimates include results of any modeling that may

show the degree of exposure to the following risks: (a) hacking; (b) electronic

magnetic pulses (EMPs, whether related to solar flares or otherwise); and/or (c)

weather events? If so, provide a list of the modeling software used to produce

any estimates, the scenarios and sensitivities examined, and any and all such

results.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 017

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- 17. Please explain in detail what benefits, if any, the company expects its ratepayers to realize because of Smart Grid?
- a. Does the company believe that societal benefits are to be considered in evaluating benefits? If so, detail those societal benefits and how they may be used in evaluations? If not, why not?

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18. Would the company agree to strict limits and/or caps on ratepayer costs?

If not, why not?

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19. Would the company agree to allow ratepayers to opt-out of smart meter deployment? If not, why not?

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20. Can the company quantify measureable and significant benefits that the ratepayers will realize, including a monetary quantification of net savings (if any) to ratepayers?

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21. Please explain in detail what detriments, if any, the company expects its ratepayers to realize because of Smart Grid? Include in the explanation both new costs as well as stranded costs.

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22. What are the company's estimated costs which the company expects the ratepayers to realize?

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23. What are the company's estimated costs which the company expects its shareholders, if any, to realize? Include in the explanation both new costs as well as stranded costs.

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24. What are the company's estimated costs which the company expects its shareholders, if any, to realize? Include in the explanation both new costs as well as stranded costs.

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25. Does the company agree that its ratepayers' benefits, whether financial or otherwise, may differ from one utility to another upon implementation of any Smart Grid technology? If not, why not?

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26. Can the company guarantee that the deployment of Smart Grid will not interfere with the regulatory compact whereby the ratepayers will receive safe, adequate and reliable service at fair, just and reasonable costs? If not, why not? Explain in detail.

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- 27. Answer the above question with the definition of "fair, just and reasonable costs" as being economically feasible for the end-user.
 - a. Provide any cost-benefit analysis that the company has run or will run to make the determination of economically feasible to the end-user.

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28. Regarding time of use (TOU) rates, can the company confirm that low-income ratepayers will not be disproportionately affected more than non-low-income customers? If not, why not? (Provide in the answers in any studies, reports, analyses and relevant data.)

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 029

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- 29. With regard to TOU rates, does the company have any history with any such programs? If so, explain in detail with particular facts as to:
 - a. the number of customers who participated;
 - b. whether they remained on the program;
 - c. whether they saved money on their bills; and
 - d. whether the customers ultimately reduced their usage.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 030

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- 30. With regard to TOU rates, does the company have any history with any such programs? If so, explain in detail with particular facts as to:
 - a. the number of customers who participated;
 - b. whether they remained on the program;
 - c. whether they saved money on their bills; and
 - d. whether the customers ultimately reduced their usage.

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- 31. Assume: Full deployment of Smart Grid at the residential ratepayer level consisting of a household with only Energy Star appliances, an HVAC system with at least a 15 SEERS rating, etc. and any smart grid apparatuses/equipment for interconnectivity with the electricity provider (including generation, transmission and distribution).
 - a. Does the company agree that if full deployment of the magnitude described in the above question occurs, the average residential ratepayer could experience a significant capital outlay?
 - b. If so, what are the projected costs?
- c. If no costs are anticipated by the electric provider, why not?

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32. In regard to appliances, such as refrigerators or lighting, does the

company agree that in the long run, it is cheaper for the end-user himself/herself

to make that capital outlay for the purchase of the appliance or lighting than

have the company provide the appliance(s) and build the costs into the

company's ratebase which would then include a profit component for the

company on an-going basis?

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33. Confirm that the Smart Grid depends, at least in part, if not exclusively, on telephony (whether landline, fiber optic, wireless or VOIP) at the end-user level for the end-user to participate in his/her altering his/her electricity usage patterns or behavior.

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34. If the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, confirm that limited access or even complete absence of access to telephony will interfere with, if not prevent, the deployment of the Smart Grid at the end-user level.

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35. If the company intends to install infrastructure / software allowing for the transmission of Smart Grid / Smart Meter data over its distribution / transmission conductors and networks, provide estimates, or actual numbers, for the costs of doing so.

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- 36. Is there a standard communications' protocol that the company will deploy in its Smart Grid that will be interoperable regardless of the communications provider?
- a. If not, explain how the company plans on addressing any problems that might arise.

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37. If improved reliability is the goal of Smart Grid / Smart Meter, would it not be more cost-effective to invest in infrastructure hardening (for example, utilizing protocols and standards developed and implemented by many utilities in hurricane-prone regions)?

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38. Describe the company's plans to avoid obsolescence of Smart Grid / Smart

Meter infrastructure (both hardware and software) and any resulting stranded

costs. (This question and the subparts should be construed to relate to both the

Smart Grid Investment Standard as well as the Smart Grid Information

Standard.)

a. Describe who would pay for stranded costs resulting from

obsolescence.

b. With regard to the recovery of any obsolete investment, explain the

financial accounting that should be used (as in account entry, consideration of

depreciation, time period involved, etc.).

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39. With regard to interoperability standards, does the company agree that Smart Grid equipment and technologies as they currently exist, and are certain to evolve in the future, are not a one size fits all approach to the Commonwealth?

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- 40. Is dynamic pricing strictly defined as TOU?
 - a. If not, explain why not.
- b. Is the company requesting that dynamic pricing be voluntary or involuntary, if at all?

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- 41. Please explain in detail whether the company has any dynamic programs in place in Kentucky.
 - a. For each program, provide the number of participants.
 - b. For each program, state whether those participants on aggregate have saved costs on their bills.
 - c. For each program, state whether those participants on aggregate have saved costs on their bills.
- d. For each program, state whether each participant has saved costs on his/her/its bills. (The question is not intended to request any private identifier information.)

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42. Does the company recommend the Commission to formally adopt the EISA 2007 Smart Grid Investment Standard? If not, why not?

Response: No. Please refer to the Joint Brief filed January 13, 2012 in Case No. 2008-00408, stating that formal adoption is not necessary to achieve the Commission's goals of promoting increased energy efficiency and Smart Grid development.

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43. Does the company recommend the Commission to formally adopt the EISA 2007 Smart Grid Information Standard? If not, why not?

Response: No, please refer to Response to AG No. 42.

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- 44. Does the company recommend issuing an IRP Standard?
 - a. If so, what concerns does the company have with a standard, including "priority resource," especially as it relates to cost-effectiveness?
- b. What concerns would the company have with a standard as it affects CPCN and rate applications?

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45. Does the company agree that any investment in grid modernization infrastructure should be done before deploying TOU rates or dynamic pricing? If not, why not?

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 046

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46. Regarding the Kentucky Smart Grid Roadmap Initiative (KSGRI), does the company believe that it provides the fundamental basis for the Commonwealth as a **whole** to proceed with Smart Grid given its lack of incorporating all electric utilities such as municipalities and the TVA, along with its distribution companies? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why not.

Response to Attorney General's Data Request No. 047

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47. Does the company believe that the Commonwealth's electric industry is,

or will become, so interconnected that all electric entities in any way involved or

associated with the generation, transmission and / or distribution of electricity

should be included and participate to some degree with Smart Grid if it is to

come to fruition? If yes, please explain why. If not, please explain why not.

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48. Does the company believe that any Smart Grid Investment will trigger a CPCN case? If not, why not?

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49. Does the company believe that Dynamic Pricing should be economically feasible for the end-user and be supported by a cost-benefit analysis?

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50. If additional education is contemplated with the deployment of the Smart Grid, please explain in detail if known or contemplated.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing responses to the Attorney General's Initial Request for Information of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., was served upon all parties of record by regular U. S. mail this 20th day of March, 2013.

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