## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT APPLICATION OF AMERIGAS PARTNERS,	)	
L.P. AND COMMERCIAL PROPANE SERVICE LLC	)	
FOR APPROVAL OF COMMERCIAL PROPANE	)	CASE NO.
SERVICE LLC'S ACQUISITION OF AMERIGAS	)	2014-00250
PARTNERS, L.P.'S UTILITY ASSETS IN OLD BRIDGE	)	
SUBDIVISION, DANVILLE, KENTUCKY	)	

## COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO AMERIGAS PARTNERS, L.P. AND COMMERCIAL PROPANE SERVICE LLC

Amerigas Partners, L.P. and Commercial Propane Service LLC ("Joint Applicants"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, are to file with the Commission the original and ten copies of the following information. The information requested herein is due by November 5, 2014. Responses to requests for information shall be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the individual responsible for responding to questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Joint Applicants shall make timely amendment to any prior response if they obtain information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to

which Joint Applicants fail or refuse to furnish all or part of the requested information, they shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for their failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request.

- 1. Refer to page 2 of the Verified Joint Application ("Application"), submitted on July 18, 2014, specifically, the first sentence under the heading <u>The Transaction</u>. Elsewhere in the Application (Exhibit 3, page 27 of 28), the capacity of the supply tanks used to serve the customers in Old Bridge Subdivision is identified as 21,000 gallons.
- a. Using the volumes of propane in the supply tanks as of September 30, 2014, (or the most recent date the volumes were measured), provide the dollar amount of the propane volumes. If not September 30, 2014, identify the date used.
- b. Based on the average cost per gallon of the propane in the supply tanks as of the measurement date used to respond to part a. of this request, provide the dollar amount of propane volumes, assuming the tanks were at full capacity.
- 2. Refer to the listing of Commercial Propane Service's ("CPS") employees and their respective experience on page 3 of the Application.
- a. Provide a general description of the work experience of Mr. Ronald Humphrey prior to the nearly four years he has worked for CPS.
- b. Mr. Chuck Howell had been with CPS as its bobtail driver for five months at the time the Application was filed.

- (1) Explain whether an individual no longer with CPS filled the bobtail driver position prior to the hiring of Mr. Howell and state the length of time the position was vacant prior to Mr. Howell's hiring.
- (2) If a former employee was in the bobtail driver position prior to the hiring of Mr. Howell, explain why that employee left CPS.
- (3) Provide the length of time Mr. Howell worked for the Marion County Road Department prior to his hiring by CPS.
- c. Provide a general description of the work experience of Ms. Adrian Roberts prior to the five years she has worked for CPS.
- 3. Refer to the first sentence at the top of page 4 of the Application and to Exhibit 7, page 2 of 4. The sentence on page 4 states that "CPS is currently a debt-free business. . ." while Exhibit 7 shows \$500,000 in Owner Loans outstanding as of July 1, 2014. Describe the nature of the Owner Loans and explain why their existence is not inconsistent with the statement that CPS is currently debt free.
- 4. Explain whether CPS has given any consideration to establishing a subsidiary for the purpose of acquiring and owning the AmeriGas Partners, L.P. ("AmeriGas") utility assets in Old Bridge Subdivision.
- 5. Refer to pages 3 and 4 of Exhibit 7 of the Application. Explain why all the items in the income statement on page 3 for the period 1/1/2014-6/15/2014, other than: (1) payroll; (2) Total; (3) Net profit before taxes; (4) Income taxes; and (5) Net profit after taxes are at the same amounts shown for those items in the income statement on page 4 of the exhibit for calendar year 2013.

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