COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF) CASE NO. KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN ADJUSTMENT) 2016-00162 IN RATES)

ORDER

On May 27, 2016, Columbia Gas of Kentucky ("Columbia") filed an application for an adjustment of its gas rates based on a forecasted test period. The application proposed that the new rates become effective on June 27, 2016. Based on the Commission's review of Columbia's application, the Commission finds that an investigation will be necessary to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that the investigation cannot be completed by June 27, 2016. Therefore, pursuant to KRS 278.190(2), the Commission will suspend the effective date of the proposed rates for six months.

The Commission expects the parties to use their best efforts to informally resolve any discovery disputes or requests for extensions of time. Absent informal resolution, an objection or motion should be filed at least four business days prior to the established due date. If this deadline is not met, the filing party should include in the written objection or motion a full and complete explanation for such failure.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- Columbia's proposed rates are suspended for six months, up to and including December 26, 2016.
- The procedural schedule set forth in the Appendix to this Order shall be followed.
- 3. a. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed, and shall include the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions related to the information provided, with an original in paper medium and an electronic version to the Commission.
- b. Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or an association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or 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.
- c. A party shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect.
- d. For any request to which a party fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, that party shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

- e. A party filing a paper containing personal information shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that the personal information cannot be read.
- 4. Any party filing testimony shall file in accordance with the electronic filing procedures set forth in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, with an original and three copies in paper medium and an electronic version to the Commission. The original and copies in paper medium should be appropriately bound, tabbed and indexed.
- 5. Any person who submits a motion to intervene after June 27, 2016, and upon a showing of good cause is granted intervention, shall accept and abide by the existing procedural schedule.
- 6. Columbia shall give notice of the hearing in accordance with the provisions set out in 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2). At the time publication is requested, Columbia shall forward a duplicate of the notice and request to the Commission.
- At any public hearing in this matter, neither opening statements nor summarization of direct testimonies shall be permitted.
- 8. Pursuant to KRS 278.360 and KAR 5:001, Section 9(9), a digital video transcript shall be made of the hearing.
- 9. Any objections or motions relating to discovery or procedural dates shall be filed upon four business days' notice or the filing party shall explain, in writing, why such notice was not possible.
- 10. Motions for extensions of time with respect to the schedule herein shall be made in writing and will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

 Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter.

ENTERED

JUN 1 0 2016

KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Acting Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2016-00162 DATED JUN 1.0 2016

Requests for intervention shall be filed by06/27/16
Requests for information to Columbia shall be filed no later than
Columbia shall file responses to requests for information no later than
Supplemental requests for information to Columbia shall be filed no later than
Columbia shall file responses to supplemental requests for information no later than
Intervenor testimony, if any, shall be filed in verified prepared form no later than
Requests for information to Intervenors shall be filed no later than
Intervenors shall file responses to requests for information no later than
Columbia shall file, in verified form, its rebuttal testimony no later than
Last day for Columbia to publish notice of hearing To be scheduled
Public Hearing to be held in Hearing Room 1 of the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of cross-examination of witnesses of Columbia and Intervenors
Simultaneous Briefs, if any

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