

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS)
OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR: 1) A DECLARATION)
THAT CONSTRUCTION OF A LOW PRESSURE)
SYSTEM SAFETY IMPROVEMENT IS AN)
EXTENSION OF ITS SYSTEM IN THE ORDINARY)
COURSE OF BUSINESS; 2) IN THE)
ALTERNATIVE, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)
NECESSITY FOR SUCH CONSTRUCTION; 3))
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT AND)
EXPANSION OF ITS ACCELERATED MAIN)
REPLACEMENT TARIFF TO ITS SAFETY)
MODIFICATION AND REPLACEMENT TARIFF;)
AND 4) APPROVAL TO MODIFY THE 2019 AMRP)
CONSTRUCTION PLAN)

CASE NO.
2019-00257

ORDER

This matter arises on a petition electronically filed on August 27, 2019 by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky), pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, requesting that designated materials filed with the Commission be afforded confidential protection for an indefinite period.

In support of its petition, Columbia Kentucky states that the information in its response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 1, contains detailed drawings, maps, schematics, photographs, notes, and other materials that describe and identify the various components of the low-pressure gas distribution systems in great detail. Columbia Kentucky avers that the information it seeks to be kept confidential is retained by the company on a need to know basis and is not publicly available. Columbia

Kentucky contends that disclosure of this information would give the public highly detailed information concerning the workings of Columbia Kentucky's low-pressure natural gas distribution systems, the location of key utility infrastructure, potential vulnerabilities and other information related to critical utility infrastructure.

Having considered the petition and the materials at issue, the Commission finds that the designated materials described in Columbia Kentucky's petition meet the criteria for confidential treatment and are exempted from public disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.878(1)(m).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Columbia Kentucky's August 27, 2019 petition for confidential protection is granted.
2. The designated materials shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period, or until further Orders of this Commission.
3. Use of the designated materials in any Commission proceeding shall be in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).
4. Columbia Kentucky shall inform the Commission if the designated materials become publicly available or no longer qualify for confidential treatment.
5. If a non-party to this proceeding requests to inspect the designated materials granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the materials have been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Columbia Kentucky shall have 30 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the materials still fall within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS

61.878. If Columbia Kentucky is unable to make such demonstration, the requested materials shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

6. The Commission shall not make the designated materials available for inspection for 30 days following an Order finding that the materials no longer qualify for confidential treatment in order to allow Columbia Kentucky to seek a remedy afforded by law.

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By the Commission

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