

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA)	
GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN)	CASE NO.
ADJUSTMENT OF RATES; APPROVAL OF)	2024-00092
DEPRECIATION STUDY; APPROVAL OF TARIFF)	
REVISIONS; AND OTHER RELIEF)	

ORDER

On October 14, 2024, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc (Columbia Kentucky) filed a joint motion to excuse witnesses and request for expedited treatment, with the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by and through the Office of Rate Intervention (Attorney General); Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers (KIUC); Interstate Gas Supply, Inc (IGS); and Constellation New Energy- Gas Division LLC (CNEG) (collectively, Joint Movants) cosigning the motion, related to the hearing scheduled to be held on October 21 through October 24, 2024.. On October 14, 2024, Joint Movants also filed an amended motion to excuse witnesses from the hearing and request for expedited treatment.

In the amended motion, Joint Movants, requested that all witnesses in the case be excused from participating in the evidencing hearing who sponsored testimony, schedules, or responses to data requests, except for Judy Cooper, who filed testimony in support of a Joint Stipulation and Settlement Agreement.¹ Joint Movants stated that the stipulation resolves all the base rate issues in this proceeding.² Joint Movants stated that

¹ Amendment to Joint Motion to Excused Witnesses (filed Oct. 14, 2024) at 2.

² Joint Motion to Excuses Witnesses from Hearing and Request Expedited Treatment (filed Oct. 14, 2024) at 2.

they believe that the written discovery in this proceeding has created a robust record.³ Joint Movants also stated that excusal of witnesses would allow Columbia Kentucky, the Attorney General, and KIUC to avoid the costs associated with witnesses traveling to the Commission to participate in the hearing and because Columbia Kentucky's costs to participate in the hearing are recovered through rate case expense, granting this motion reduces actual rate case costs that are eventually added to customer bills.⁴ Joint Movants stated that they agree to waive their respective rights to cross examination of all witnesses who Joint Movants requested excusal.⁵ Finally, Joint Movants requested expedited treatment for the Commission to address this motion on or before October 17, 2024, to provide sufficient time to adjust travel plans.⁶

The Commission, being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that Columbia Kentucky established good cause to excuse the following witnesses:

1. Richard Baudino;
2. Matthew White;
3. Kevin Murray;
4. John Spanos;
5. Vincent Rea;
6. Gregory Skinner;
7. Gregory Macias;

³ Joint Motion to Excuses Witnesses from Hearing and Request Expedited Treatment at 2.

⁴ Joint Motion to Excuses Witnesses from Hearing and Request Expedited Treatment at 2–3.

⁵ Joint Motion to Excuses Witnesses from Hearing and Request Expedited Treatment at 2–3.

⁶ Joint Motion to Excuses Witnesses from Hearing and Request Expedited Treatment at 4.

8. Kevin Johnson;
9. Jennifer Harding;
10. Jeffrey Gore;
11. Chrisley Scott; and
12. David Roy.

Excusal of these witnesses will allow for a reduction in actual rate case expense and would not prejudice any party.

Furthermore, the Commission finds that good cause has been established to allow the following witnesses the option to appear virtually:

1. Craig Inscho; and
2. John Defever.

All other witnesses should appear in person and be available until excused by the Commission for dates set forth in the Commission's June 25, 2024 Order. The Commission notes that the excusal of witnesses should not be interpreted in any way as a reflection of the Commission's position regarding the settlement agreement or the requests set forth in the application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Joint Movants' motion to excuse witnesses is granted as to the following witnesses: Richard Baudino; Matthew White; Kevin Murray; John Spanos; Vincent Rea; Gregory Skinner; Gregory Macias; Kevin Johnson; Jennifer Harding; Jeffrey Gore; Chrisley Scott; and David Roy.

2. Craig Inscho and John Defever may appear virtually at the hearing scheduled to be held October 21, 2024 through October 24, 2024, if unable to appear virtually the witness who is unable to virtually appear shall appear in person.

3. All other parties not listed specifically in this Order shall appear in person at the hearing scheduled to be held October 21, 2024 through October 24, 2024.

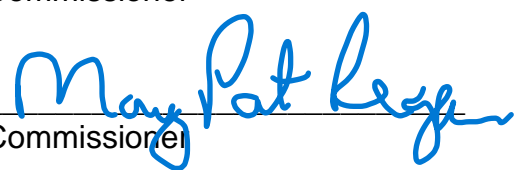
4. All provisions of the Commission's June 25, 2024 Order, not in conflict with this Order, shall remain in full force and effect.

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