

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT	)	CASE NO.
FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY,	)	2026-00207
INC.	)	

ORDER

On July 28, 2026, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Columbia Kentucky) filed its proposed Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) to be effective August 27, 2026. Columbia Kentucky's previous GCA rate was approved in Case No. 2026-00110.¹ Columbia Kentucky also filed a motion for confidential treatment of certain information submitted with its GCA report.

LEGAL STANDARD

The Commission's standard of review for GCA rates is well settled as stated in KRS 278.274(1):

In determining whether proposed natural gas utility rates are just and reasonable, the commission shall review the utility's gas purchasing practices. The commission may disallow any costs or rates which are deemed to result from imprudent purchasing practices on the part of the utility.

Further, the utility has the burden to prove the rates are just and reasonable and the Commission may reduce the purchased gas component of the utility's rates, or the

¹ Case No. 2026-00110, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC May 28, 2026).

rates charged by an affiliated company to the extent the amount is deemed to be unjust or unreasonable.²

DISCUSSION

Proposed GCR Rate

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that Columbia Kentucky's report includes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected changes in gas costs. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out an Expected Gas Cost (EGC) of \$6.2066 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.0294 per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$6.2360 per Mcf. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a rate for Banking and Balancing Service³ of \$0.0477 per Mcf, which is unchanged from its previous rate for Banking and Balancing Service. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a total supplier Refund Adjustment (RA) of (\$0.3803) per Mcf, which is unchanged from its previous supplier RA of (\$0.3803) per Mcf. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a current quarter Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) of (\$0.3135) per Mcf. Columbia Kentucky's total ACA is (\$1.1624) per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$0.2541 per Mcf from its previous total ACA of (\$0.9083) per Mcf. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a Balancing Adjustment (BA) of (\$0.6056) per Mcf, which is a decrease of (\$1.1424) per Mcf from its previous BA of \$0.5368 per Mcf. Columbia Kentucky's report set out no Special Agency Service (SAS) refund adjustment. Columbia Kentucky's report sets out a Performance-Based Rate (PBR) Adjustment of \$0.1831 per Mcf, which is unchanged from its previous PBR.

² 2KRS 278.274(2); KRS 278.274(3)(c); and KRS 278.274(3)(d).

³ The Banking and Balancing Service is not a component included in the calculation of the GCA.

Based on the calculations above, the Commission finds that Columbia Kentucky's proposed GCA of \$4.2414 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$1.4259 per Mcf from its previous GCA of \$5.6673 per Mcf, is reasonable. The Commission finds the inputs, resulting components and calculation of Columbia Kentucky's proposed GCR rate of \$4.2414 per Mcf to be reasonable. The Commission further finds that the rates proposed by Columbia Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just and reasonable and should be approved for billing with the meter readings beginning on and after August 27, 2026.

For the purpose of transparency and to maintain a record of information for future use, the Commission finds that Columbia Kentucky should submit all invoices it receives along with its monthly usage report for each month of the reporting period when it files its future GCA rate reports. As ordered by the Commission in Case No. 2018-00150,⁴ Columbia Kentucky's future GCA reports should include an electronic version containing supporting calculations in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible. Should Columbia Kentucky purchase sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCA reports then the supplier, cost, and amount should be documented in its cover letter to the Commission.

Motion for Confidential Treatment

Columbia Gas filed a motion for confidential treatment with its GCA report in this matter, pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878, requesting that the

⁴ Case No. 2018-00150, *Electronic Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc.* (Ky. PSC May 16, 2018), Order at 2.

Commission grant confidential treatment for an indefinite period for redacted portions of its quarterly GCA report, specifically the identity of its gas suppliers, as well as invoices containing supplier information, prices, interconnections, and volumes.

In support of its motion, Columbia Kentucky argued that public disclosure of this information would result in competitive harm by adversely impacting Columbia Kentucky's ability to negotiate future gas supply contracts at favorable prices and would thereby impair Columbia Kentucky's ability to minimize the price of natural gas paid by Columbia Kentucky's customers.

Having considered the motion and the material at issue, the Commission finds that the designated material is generally recognized as confidential or proprietary and public disclosure of the confidential information could result in an unfair commercial disadvantage to Columbia Kentucky by impairing its ability to obtain the most favorable prices for its natural gas supply, which in turn would raise the price paid by Columbia Kentucky's customers for natural gas. For this reason, the Commission further finds the designated material in the motion meets the criteria for confidential treatment and should be exempted from public disclosure for an indefinite period pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13, and KRS 61.878(1)(c)(1).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Columbia Kentucky and set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for billing with the meter readings beginning on and after August 27, 2026.

2. Columbia Kentucky shall submit all invoices it receives along with its monthly usage reports for each month of the reporting period when it files its future GCA rate reports.

3. Columbia Kentucky's future GCA reports shall include an electronic version containing supporting calculations in Excel spreadsheet format with all formulas, columns, and rows unprotected and fully accessible.

4. If Columbia Kentucky purchases sustainable natural gas from a renewable source during the reporting period of any future GCA reports, Columbia Kentucky shall document the supplier, cost, and volume purchased in the cover letter of its next GCA filing to the Commission.

5. Within 20 days of the date of service of this Order, Columbia Kentucky shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

6. Columbia Kentucky's July 28, 2026 motion for confidential treatment is granted.

7. The designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order shall not be placed in the public record or made available for public inspection for an indefinite period or until further order of this Commission.

8. Use of the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order in any Commission proceeding shall comply with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 13(9).

9. Columbia Kentucky shall inform the Commission if the designated material granted confidential treatment by this Order becomes publicly available or no longer qualifies for confidential treatment.

10. If a nonparty to this proceeding requests to inspect the material granted confidential treatment by this Order and the period during which the material has been granted confidential treatment has not expired, Columbia Kentucky shall have 20 days from receipt of written notice of the request to demonstrate that the material still falls within the exclusions from disclosure requirements established in KRS 61.878. If Columbia Kentucky is unable to make such demonstration, the requested material shall be made available for inspection. Otherwise, the Commission shall deny the request for inspection.

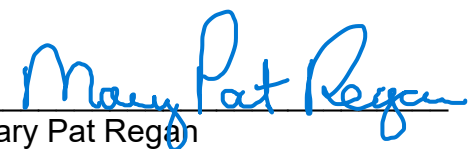
11. The Commission shall not make the requested material available for inspection for 30 days from the date of service of an Order finding that the material no longer qualifies for confidential treatment in order to allow Columbia Kentucky to seek a remedy afforded by law.

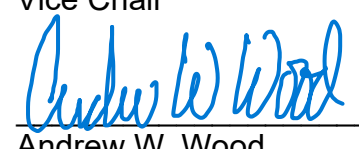
12. This case is closed and removed from the Commission's docket.

Entered on this 24th day of August, 2026.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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ATTEST:



Justin McNeil
Executive Director

Case No. 2026-00207

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2026-00207 DATED AUG 24 2026

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under the authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE BILLING RATES

	<u>Base Rate Charge</u> \$	<u>Gas Cost Adjustment¹ Demand</u> \$	<u>Commodity</u> \$	<u>Total Billing Rate</u> \$
<u>SALES SERVICE</u>				
<u>RATE SCHEDULE GSR</u>				
Delivery Charge per Mcf	6.0958	2.6058	1.6356	10.3372
<u>RATE SCHEDULE GSO</u>				
<u>Commercial or Industrial</u>				
First 50 Mcf or less per billing period	3.1581	2.6058	1.6356	7.3995
Next 350 Mcf per billing period	2.4376	2.6058	1.6356	6.6790
Next 600 Mcf per billing period	2.3171	2.6058	1.6356	6.5585
Next 1,000 Mcf per billing period	2.1078	2.6058	1.6356	6.3492
<u>RATE SCHEDULE IS²</u>				
First 300 Mcf per billing period	0.7509		1.6356	2.3865
Next 70,000 Mcf per billing period	0.4635		1.6356	2.0991
Over 100,000 Mcf per billing period	0.2423		1.6356	1.8779
<u>Firm Service Demand Charge</u>				
Demand Charge times Daily Firm				
Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		18.9904		18.9904

¹ The Gas Cost Adjustment, as shown, is an adjustment per Mcf determined in accordance with the "Gas Cost Adjustment Clause" as set forth on Sheets 48 through 51 of Columbia Kentucky's Tariff. The Gas Cost Adjustment applicable to a customer who is receiving service under Rate Schedule GS or IUS and received service under Rate Schedule SVGTS shall be \$6.2066 per Mcf only for those months of the prior 12 months during which they were served under Rate Schedule SVGTS.

² IS Customers may be subject to the Demand Gas Cost under the conditions set forth on Sheets 14 and 15 of Columbia Kentucky's Tariff.

	<u>Base Rate Charge</u> \$	<u>Gas Cost Demand</u> \$	<u>Adjustment³ Commodity</u> \$	<u>Total Billing Rate</u> \$
<u>SALES SERVICE</u>				
<u>RATE SCHEDULE IUS</u>				
Delivery Charge per Mcf For All Volumes Delivered	0.9198	2.6058	1.6356	5.1612
<u>TRANSPORTATION SERVICE</u>				
<u>RATE SCHEDULE SS</u>				
Standby Service Demand Charge per Mcf Demand Charge times Daily Firm Volume (Mcf) in Customer Service Agreement		18.9904		18.9904
Standby Service Commodity Charge per Mcf			1.6356	1.6356
<u>RATE SCHEDULE DS</u>				
Banking and Balancing Service Rate per Mcf			0.0477	0.0477
<u>RATE SCHEDULE MLDS</u>				
Banking and Balancing Service Rate per Mcf			0.0477	0.0477
			<u>Billing Rate</u> \$	
<u>Actual Gas Cost Adjustment⁴</u>				
For all volumes per billing period per Mcf				(\$1.1454)
<u>RATE SCHEDULE SVAS</u>				
Balancing Charge-per Mcf				\$2.013

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⁴ The Gas Cost Adjustment is applicable to a customer who is receiving service under Rate Schedule SVGTS and received service under Rate Schedule GS, IS, or IUS for only those months of the prior twelve months during which they were served under Rate Schedule GS, IS, or IUS.

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