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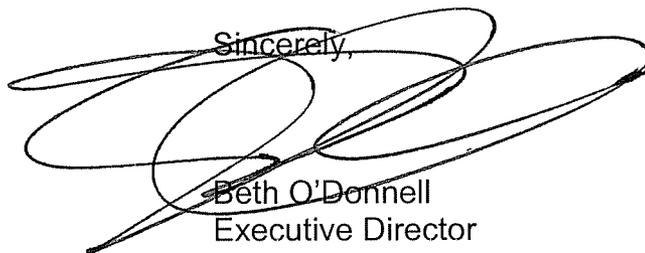
RE: Columbia Gas's Motion for Confidential Treatment
Case No. 2006-00541

Dear Mr. Seiple:

The Commission has received your petition filed November 30, 2006, to protect as confidential Columbia's Initial Hedging Report and Subsequent Hedging Reports. The Initial Hedging Report for the 2006-2007 heating season, after review of the information, is entitled to the protection requested on the grounds relied upon in the petition, and it will be withheld from public inspection. However, subsequent Hedging Reports are not granted confidential treatment at this time. If confidentiality is warranted, the motion should be made at the time the reports are filed.

If the information granted confidentiality becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, you are required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,



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