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**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Regulation of the :  
Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause : Case Nos. 04-221-GA-GCR  
Contained Within the Rate Schedules : 05-221-GA-GCR  
of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., and :  
Related Matters. :

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**COMMENTS OF HONDA OF AMERICA MFG., INC.,  
IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUANCE**

Now comes Honda of America Mfg., Inc. ("Honda"), and respectfully files these comments in support of the continuance requested by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia"), pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12 and -13 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Honda believes that the severe remedy recommended in testimony filed by The Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") – i.e., the termination of the 2004 Stipulation in its entirety – merits a full pre-hearing consideration of Columbia's parallel motion to strike.

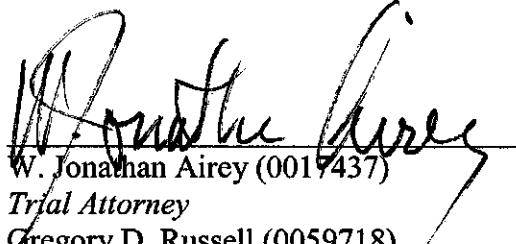
On December 8, 2006, the OCC filed testimony with the Commission recommending the termination – in its entirety – of the "Fourth Amendment to Joint Stipulation and Recommendation in Case No. 94-987-GA-AIR and Second Amendment to Joint Stipulation and Recommendation in Case No. 96-1113-GA-ATA and Stipulation and Recommendation in Case No. 03-1459-GA-ATA" (the "2004 Stipulation"). See Prepared Testimony of Bruce M. Hayes.

That Stipulation is the product, in large part, of numerous discussions and compromises between sophisticated, experienced parties on many complex and highly contentious issues – many of whom are *not* parties to this proceeding. The impact of any termination of the 2004 Stipulation will therefore be broad-ranging and potentially severe for all customers on the Columbia system. Honda believes that the issue of the 2004 Stipulation's

continued viability goes beyond the proper scope of this proceeding, and therefore supports the continuance requested by Columbia so that the merits of its motion to strike can be fully considered and ruled upon.

WHEREFORE, Honda supports continuance requested by Columbia herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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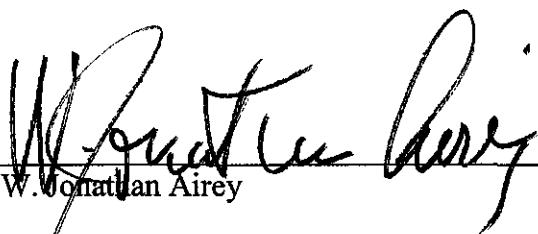
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