BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Mary Kay Petras,))
Complainant,	,
v.) Case No. 07-772-GA-CSS
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.,)
Respondent.	,

The attorney examiner finds:

(1) On June 29, 2007, Mary Kay Petras (Complainant) filed a complaint with the Commission against Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia). In the complaint, Ms. Petras questions the accounting practices of Columbia and claims that she has been over-billed due to an estimated meter reading that she received in May of this year. Ms. Petras further argues that she was and continues to be charged for natural gas that she has not consumed.

ENTRY

- (2) Columbia filed its answer to the complaint on July 19, 2007. Columbia admits that Complainant's gas consumption was over-estimated for the billing period ending on May 21, 2007, but states that the Complainant was re-billed for the actual gas consumption during that billing period, which resulted in a credit to the Complainant. Columbia also asserts that the Complainant was subsequently billed for gas consumption for the billing period ending on June 20, 2007, to which the outstanding credit was applied. Columbia denies all other allegations set forth in the complaint.
- (3) The attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a conference. The purpose of the conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. Nothing prohibits any party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference. Gregory Price, an

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attorney examiner from the Commission's Legal Department will facilitate the settlement discussion.

(4) Accordingly, a settlement conference shall be scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, in hearing room 11-A at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (Commission) offices, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That this matter be scheduled for a settlement conference at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 28, 2007, in hearing room 11-A, on the 11th floor of the Commission's offices. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon Ms. Petras, Columbia and its counsel, and all other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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