

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Regulation of the)
 Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause)
 Contained Within the Rate Schedules of) Case No. 04-221-GA-GCR
 Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., and Related)
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In the Matter of the Application of) ~~96-1113-GA-ATA~~
 Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. to Establish the) Case No. ~~06-1113-GA-ATA~~
 Columbia Customer Choice Program.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On January 2, 2004, the 2004 gas cost recovery docket was opened in order for the Commission to review the operation of the purchased gas adjustment clause and the gas purchasing practices and policies of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia). By Entry dated September 14, 2005, the Commission also consolidated the 2005 gas cost recovery proceeding with Columbia's 2004 gas cost recovery proceeding.
- (2) The hearing for this proceeding was completed on February 26, 2007.
- (3) On April 3, 2007, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), Honda of America Mfg., Inc., Interstate Gas Supply, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, the Ohio Marketers Group, North Coast Gas Transmission LLC, and Dominion Retail, Inc., filed a joint motion for extension to file initial post-hearing briefs and request for expedited ruling. On April 3, 2007, the attorney examiner granted a five-day extension of time.
- (4) On April 9, 2007, OCC filed a motion to further extend the briefing schedule. In its motion, OCC stated that OCC and

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certain other parties to the proceeding were involved in negotiations which might lead to the filing of a stipulation. On April 11, 2007, OCC reported to the attorney examiner that the parties were not able to reach agreement on a stipulation.

- (5) Nonetheless, since that time, the parties have continued to negotiate towards a resolution of the issues in this case. Subsequently, on December 28, 2007, the parties filed a joint stipulation resolving all issues in this proceeding.
- (6) The attorney examiner finds that a hearing should be held regarding the joint stipulation. Accordingly, a hearing should be scheduled for January 11, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled in accordance with Finding (6). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served on all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Secretary