

## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia	)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Amend	)	Case No. 08-72-GA-AIR
Filed Tariffs to Increase the Rates and	)	
Charges for Gas Distribution Service.	)	
In the Matter of the Application of Columbia	)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc., for Approval of an	)	Case No. 08-73-GA-ALT
Alternative Form of Regulation and for a	)	
Change in its Rates and Charges.	)	
In the Matter of the Application of Columbia	)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change	)	Case No. 08-74-GA-AAM
Accounting Methods.	)	
In the Matter of the Application of Columbia	)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Revise its	)	Case No. 08-75-GA-AAM
Depreciation Accrual Rates.	)	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On March 3, 2008, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Columbia) filed an application in the above-captioned cases.
- (2) Section 4909.19, Revised Code, requires a public utility to publish notice of an application for an increase in rates, forthwith upon filing of the application.
- (3) On April 16, 2008, the Commission directed Columbia to publish notice of the application in papers of general circulation throughout its territory, once a week, for three consecutive weeks, beginning within thirty days of the entry's issuance.
- (4) On June 19, 2008, Columbia filed a motion, asking that the Commission authorize it to republish the notice in one county and find that publication in another county substantially complied with the Commission's order. Columbia explains, in the supportive memorandum, that the two newspapers failed

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to publish the notice on certain of the dates that had been promised to Columbia.

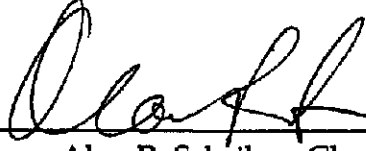
- (5) On July 2, 2008, the Commission found that the publication of notice in Perry County substantially complied with the publication requirement and authorized Columbia to republish the notice in Vinton County.
- (6) On July 14, 2008, Columbia filed a motion, under consideration in this entry, for authority to republish notice in two counties, explaining that it has now determined that newspapers in Perry County and Athens County failed to publish the notice as directed and that such publications were not in substantial compliance with the publication requirement. Specifically, Columbia states that, after issuance of the Commission's last entry, Columbia received, from several newspapers, copies of the actual notice as it had been run. Columbia discovered, at that time, that the Perry County and Athens County newspapers had published only the first typed page of a seven-page notice. Columbia requests authorization to republish in Perry County and Athens County, once a week for three consecutive weeks.
- (7) Paragraph (B)(1) of Rule 4901-1-12, Ohio Administrative Code, allows a 15-day time period for the filing of memoranda contra, following the service of motions. In addition, paragraph (F) of that rule allows the Commission to issue an expedited ruling on a motion, where the issuance of such a ruling will not adversely affect a substantial right of any party.
- (8) We find that consideration of Columbia's motion and issuance of a ruling on that motion will not adversely affect a substantial right of any party. Therefore, in light of the statutory requirement that notice of an application for a rate increase be published "forthwith," we will issue an expedited ruling, without waiting for the filing of memoranda contra.
- (9) We also find that it is reasonable and appropriate for Columbia to republish notification in Perry County and Athens County, in the form and manner previously authorized. Such publication should begin as soon as possible and should continue, once a week, for three consecutive weeks.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Columbia's motion for authority to republish in Perry County and Athens County be granted. It is, further


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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
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