

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Todd and )  
Faye Sterling, )

Complainants, )

v. )

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., )

Respondent. )

Case No. 08-1053-GA-CSS

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The above-referenced complaint was filed on September 2, 2008. In the complaint, Todd and Faye Sterling (complainants) stated that Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) dug a trench for a gas line through their yard, broke gutter tile leading from their house to the street, and caused mud blockage in the tile and water back-up in their basement. Complainants alleged that Columbia agreed to fix the break in the tile, but not the mud back-up in the tile. Complainants stated that Columbia should be responsible for fixing their entire problem, ensuring that there is no further damage to the foundation of their house.
- (2) On September 23, 2008, Columbia filed an answer admitting that it received a complaint about a gas line being trenched through gutter tile (i.e., a gutter drain) that runs from complainants' house to the street, through complainants' yard. Columbia further admitted that, as a courtesy to complainants, it fixed a section of complainant's gutter tile. Columbia, however, denied that its gas line caused water back-up in complainant's basement.
- (3) Due to the Commission's stated goal of reducing the number of adversarial proceedings before it, this matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference on November 7, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in hearing room 11-A, in the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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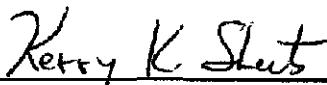
- (4) The purpose of the settlement conference is to determine whether this complaint can be informally resolved. The parties should bring with them all documents relevant to this matter.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference in Case No. 08-1053-GA-CSS be scheduled in accordance with Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record.

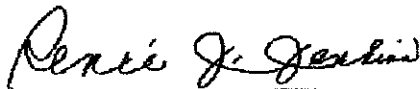
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