

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)
Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Abandon) Case No. 09-240-GA-ABN
Service to Three Premises, Pursuant to Ohio)
Revised Code Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Columbia or Company) is a natural gas company and public utility within the meaning of Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(6), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- (2) On March 17, 2009, Columbia filed an application for authority to abandon service to three premises located in Holmes County and Knox County, Ohio, pursuant to Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised Code. Columbia states that it has provided retail natural gas service to the three premises in question through direct taps on a .98-mile, 3-inch bare unprotected steel pipeline that was originally used by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia Transmission). According to the application, this line is experiencing leaks caused by corrosion and replacement of the pipeline to continue to serve these three premises is not economically feasible. Thus, Columbia states that Columbia Transmission concluded that it will abandon this entire pipeline.
- (3) Columbia advises the Commission that the three customers have entered into releases with Columbia Transmission and have expressly consented to the proposed abandonment. In addition, Columbia points out that the customers have, with monetary assistance from Columbia Transmission, converted to an alternative fuel. Columbia thus seeks authority to abandon the existing natural gas service to the three identified premises.
- (4) The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that the said abandonments are reasonable and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

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ORDERED, That the application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for authority to abandon service to three premises be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

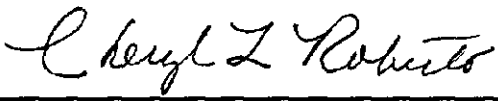
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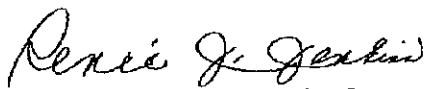

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