

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :  
Application of Columbia Gas :  
of Ohio, Inc. for Approval :  
of a General Exemption of : Case No. 08-1344-GA-EXM  
Certain Natural Gas :  
Commodity Sale Services or :  
Ancillary Services :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Christine Pirik, Hearing Examiner, Commissioners  
Ronda Fergus, Paul A. Centolella, at Wolfe Park Shelter  
House, 105 Park Drive, Bexley, Ohio, called at 6:05  
p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.

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1 APPEARANCES:

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6 On behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio.

7 Office of Consumers' Counsel  
8 By Larry S. Sauer, Esq.  
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13 On behalf of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

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1 Tuesday Evening Session,  
2 June 9, 2009.

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4 HEARING EXAMINER PIRIK: The Public  
5 Utilities Commission has assigned for hearing at this  
6 time and place Case No. 08-1344-GA-EXM, which is  
7 captioned in the Matter of the Application of Columbia  
8 Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of a General Exemption  
9 of Certain Natural Gas Commodity Sale Services or  
10 Ancillary Services.

11 My name is Christine Pirik. I'm an  
12 Attorney Examiner with the Public Utilities Commission,  
13 and I will be conducting the hearing. With me are  
14 Commissioner Ronda Fergus and Commissioner Paul  
15 Centolella, who will be presiding at this hearing. In  
16 addition, there are Commission personnel, John Campbell  
17 at the front door, Shana Eiselstein, as I mentioned  
18 before, and various other members of the Public  
19 Utilities Commission, if anyone has any questions in  
20 general. There are members here from the Company I  
21 believe who would be able to answer questions if you  
22 have questions that are not related to the proceeding.  
23 They would be happy to help you, as well as I believe  
24 members from the Office of Consumers' Counsel if there  
25 are any questions.

1                   Before proceeding, I am going to take  
2                   appearances on behalf of the parties. On behalf of the  
3                   Company.

4                   MR. CREEKMUR: Thank you, Your Honor. On  
5                   behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Incorporated, Daniel A.  
6                   Creekmur, 200 Civic Center Drive, Columbus, Ohio  
7                   43215.

8                   HEARING EXAMINER PIRIK: Thank you. On  
9                   behalf of the Office of Consumers' Counsel.

10                  MR. SAUER: Thank you, Your Honor. On  
11                  behalf of the residential consumers of Columbia Gas of  
12                  Ohio, the Office of Consumers' Counsel, Janine  
13                  Migden-Ostrander, Consumers' Counsel, Joseph P. Serio,  
14                  Assistant Consumers' Counsel, with Larry S. Sauer,  
15                  Assistant Consumers' Counsel. With me tonight is Ray  
16                  Foeller, F-o-e-l-l-e-r, with our Outreach and  
17                  Education, and Marty Berkowitz, who is with our  
18                  Communications Department. If you have any questions,  
19                  feel free to contact any one of us.

20                  HEARING EXAMINER PIRIK: An entry went out  
21                  earlier today that granted the intervention to a number  
22                  of parties. There are also several other parties who  
23                  have asked to intervene in the case. That decision has  
24                  not been issued yet because there is a procedural time  
25                  frame that needs to move forth, but the Office of

1 Consumers' Counsel has been granted intervention  
2 formally in this case as of an entry that was issued  
3 today.

4           This is one hearing of a number of  
5 hearings that the Commission is holding with respect to  
6 this case. We are in total holding four local  
7 hearings, this one today in Columbus. We will hold one  
8 in Parma this Thursday. We are holding one in Athens  
9 and in Toledo as well in a couple of weeks. In  
10 addition to those hearings, there will be an  
11 evidentiary hearing where the parties will be able to  
12 present testimony from their expert witnesses, and that  
13 will commence at the offices of the Commission on  
14 August 24th. In addition, there is also a special  
15 provision within the rules that govern the process in  
16 these cases that allows any party or any interested  
17 person to file comments in the docket, and the deadline  
18 for those comments, pursuant to an entry that went out  
19 earlier, is June 25th, 2009. So there are several  
20 avenues that interested people can take in order to  
21 submit and get their input into the record in this  
22 case.

23           When you arrived, you did have an  
24 opportunity to sign up to testify. If you have not  
25 signed up, I will ask for anyone who is interested to

1 feel free to raise your hand and come forward. At this  
2 time I will be calling witnesses. I will ask the  
3 witnesses to take an oath to tell the truth, and then  
4 we will move forward with their testimony. I believe  
5 we have Carol Bradley on our list.

6 MS. BRADLEY: I was not aware I was coming  
7 to testify.

8 HEARING EXAMINER PIRIK: That is fine.  
9 That is fine.

10 Is there anyone else who is here this  
11 evening who would like to testify in this proceeding?  
12 If not, there are other opportunities, as I said. You  
13 can look at the docket for the case number and there is  
14 information as far as time frames and whatnot. You can  
15 call the Commission, our hot line number. They would  
16 be able to give you guidance as to how to access our  
17 docketing system to get more information, if, in fact,  
18 you need that.

19 Commissioners, would you like to say  
20 anything for the record?

21 COMMISSIONER CENTOLELLA: No.

22 COMMISSIONER FERGUS: No.

23 HEARING EXAMINER PIRIK: Hearing none, I  
24 will consider this hearing closed tonight, and we will  
25 reconvene on Thursday in Parma, Ohio. Thank you all

1 for coming.

2 (Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at  
3 6:10 p.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken  
by me in this matter on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, and  
carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

\_\_\_\_s/Valerie J. Sloas\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie J. Sloas, Registered  
Professional Reporter and Notary  
Public in and for the State of  
Ohio.

My commission expires June 8, 2011.

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