

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval to) Case No. 10-875-GA-ATA
Revise its Tariffs to Change its Gas Quality)
Specifications.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia or Company) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On June 22, 2010, Columbia filed an application requesting approval to revise that section of its tariffs that addresses the quality of gas delivered to the Company. Specifically, Columbia is proposing to adjust the levels of inert gases in the gas that it receives from its suppliers. Columbia explains that it is responsible for delivering natural gas that can be used by all of its customers and that it must set acceptable levels of inert gases that will allow industry standard equipment to burn safely and efficiently. Furthermore, Columbia notes that, because there is not a national or industry standard for gas quality, the proposed tariff changes are based on industry experience and the Company's review of other suppliers' specifications. According to the application, these changes will allow Columbia to accept more locally produced gas.
- (3) Columbia proposes adding the requirement that gas delivered shall not contain an excess of: (a) one percent by volume of oxygen; (b) four percent by volume of nitrogen; and (c) two percent by volume of carbon dioxide. Columbia also proposes to increase the level of water from five pounds of water per million cubic feet of gas (MMCF) to seven pounds of water per MMCF, to increase the volume of nitrogen and carbon dioxide combined from three percent by volume to five percent by volume, and to increase the amount of total sulfur from no more than ten grains per one hundred cubic feet (CCF) of gas to no more than twenty grains per CCF. Finally, Columbia proposes to lower its threshold requirements for total heating value from 1000 British thermal unit (Btu) per cubic foot to not less than 967 Btu per cubic foot.

- (4) This Commission has reviewed the application and finds it is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Columbia's proposed tariffs be approved to the extent set forth herein. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Columbia is authorized to file in final form four complete copies of the tariffs consistent with this finding and order. Columbia shall file one copy in its TRF docket (or may make such filing electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR) and one copy in this case docket. The remaining two copies shall be designated for distribution to the Rates and Tariffs, Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon Columbia.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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