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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Commission's
Review of the Rules Concerning Long-
Term Forecast Reports Contained in
Chapters 4901:5-1; 4901:5-3; 4901:5-5
and 4901:5-7, Ohio Administrative Code

Case No. 10-2912-GE-ORD

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COMMENTS OF
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

On December 15, 2010 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") issued its initial Entry in this proceeding ("Entry"). Attached to the Entry were the Staff's proposed revisions to the Commission's Rules concerning Long-Term Forecast Reports. The Entry invited interested parties to comment on the proposed rule changes, and required that comments be filed by January 18, 2011. Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") hereby submits its comments to the proposed rule changes.

Staff proposed one small change to the rules and Columbia finds this change to be reasonable. Columbia does, however, offer an additional change to the rules in order to reflect some companies' recent transition to a Standard Service Offer ("SSO") program. The proposed additional language is explained in more detail below.

In Case No. 08-1344-GA-EXM Columbia entered into a stipulation with the other parties of record. Pursuant to the stipulation, Columbia adopted a SSO program in which Columbia acquires its gas supply through a wholesale or retail auction process. As such, Columbia is exempt from participating in Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") audits and from filing Long-Term Forecasting Reports. Columbia proposes adding the following language to 4901:5-7-01:

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Gas distribution companies serving more than one hundred thousand customers that have implemented a wholesale or retail auction for the purpose of acquiring gas supply shall be exempt from this requirement.

Columbia believes that this language is advisable to reflect the terms of its SSO stipulation, and the similar situation of several other companies.

Respectfully submitted by,
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