

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's Review)
of the Alternative Rate Plan and Exemption)
Rules Contained in Chapter 4901:1-19 of the) Case No. 11-5590-GA-ORD
Ohio Administrative Code.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By entry issued November 22, 2011, the Commission stated its intent to review the alternative rate plan and exemption rules contained in Chapter 4901:1-19, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), in accordance with Section 119.032, Revised Code, which requires all state agencies to conduct a review of their rules every five years. Additionally, the entry and attached revisions set forth the amendments to the rules recommended by the Commission's Staff. The entry requested comments from interested persons to assist in the review and required such comments to be filed by December 22, 2011, and reply comments to be filed by January 23, 2012.
- (2) On December 2, 2011, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia), and the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (Dominion), filed a joint motion to extend the comment period and reply comment period by 30 days. In support of their motion, Columbia and Dominion state that an extension of the comment period is necessary because: the proposed changes to Chapter 4901:1-19, O.A.C., are expansive and involve new, complex proposals; because more time is needed to assess what provisions have been deleted, added, or renumbered; and the upcoming holiday season hinders the companies' abilities to file timely comments. Further, Columbia and Dominion request that the Commission hold a technical conference to clarify and explain the changes to Chapter 4901:1-19, O.A.C.
- (3) On December 7, 2011, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke), also filed a motion to extend the comment period and reply comment period by 30 days and, further, requested an expedited ruling. In support of its motion, Duke also states that an extension of the comment period is necessary given the numerous changes to the rules and the upcoming holiday season.

- (4) The attorney examiner finds that the motions for a 30-day extension of the comment period filed by Columbia, Dominion, and Duke, as well as the request for an expedited ruling by Duke, are reasonable and should be granted. Additionally, at this time, the attorney examiner finds it unnecessary to address Columbia's and Dominion's request for a technical conference.
- (5) Consequently, the procedural schedule for all persons to file comments shall be extended from December 22, 2011, to January 23, 2012, for initial comments, and from January 23, 2012, to February 23, 2012, for reply comments.

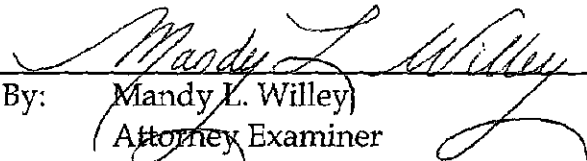
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motions for a 30-day extension of the comment period filed by Columbia, Dominion, and Duke, and the request for an expedited ruling by Duke, be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule be adjusted as set forth in Finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

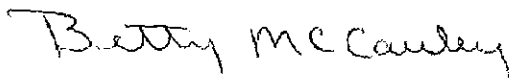
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