BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Abandon Service to One Premise Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21

Case No. 11-6078-GA-ABN

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO ABANDON SERVICE TO ONE PREMISE

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Now comes Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (hereinafter "Columbia" or "Applicant"), and files its application, pursuant to Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21 of the Revised Code, for authority to abandon retail natural gas service to one premise. In support of its application, Columbia states that:

- 1. Columbia is a natural gas company and public utility within the meaning of Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(6) of the Revised Code, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 2. For a period of more than 50 years, Columbia and its corporate predecessor has provided retail natural gas service to a single land premise through a direct tap on Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC's (hereinafter "Columbia Transmission") Line O-1430.
- 3. Lines O-1430 was constructed in 1956 and was comprised of a 3600 foot long 4inch bare steel pipeline. The pipeline's only purpose was to provide gas service to a land premise located at Service Road 821 in Caldwell, Ohio now owned by Community Improvement Corporation ("CIC"). The premise was previously used by an industrial heat treating company named Clevite Bearing. Clevite Bearing has since gone out of business and CIC took over the currently empty building. Presently, no customers are provided gas service at this location.
- 4. Line O-1430 was completely damaged by a hillside slip in May, 2011 that caused an outage in the pipeline.
- 5. Columbia Transmission has concluded that it will abandon approximately 3,600 feet of pipeline that was damaged as a result of the hillside slip in May, 2011.
- 6. The premise is also connected to a Knox Energy Gas Line and Gas Meter. Knox Energy has agreed to provide gas service to the building to supply office heat for the winter. Columbia, therefore, seeks authority to abandon that service. A map

showing the location of Line O-1430, as well as the location of the premises, is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.

7. In view of the fact that: (a) the pipeline was completely damaged by a hillside slip, (b) the potentially affected customer already has an alternative heating source with Knox Energy, and (c) there are currently no customers at the location, Columbia submits that said abandonment is reasonable, having due regard for the welfare of the public and the cost of operating the service and related facilities.

WHEREFORE, Columbia respectfully asks that the Commission authorize the abandonment of retail natural gas service to the premise shown on Exhibit A and listed above.

Respectfully submitted by,

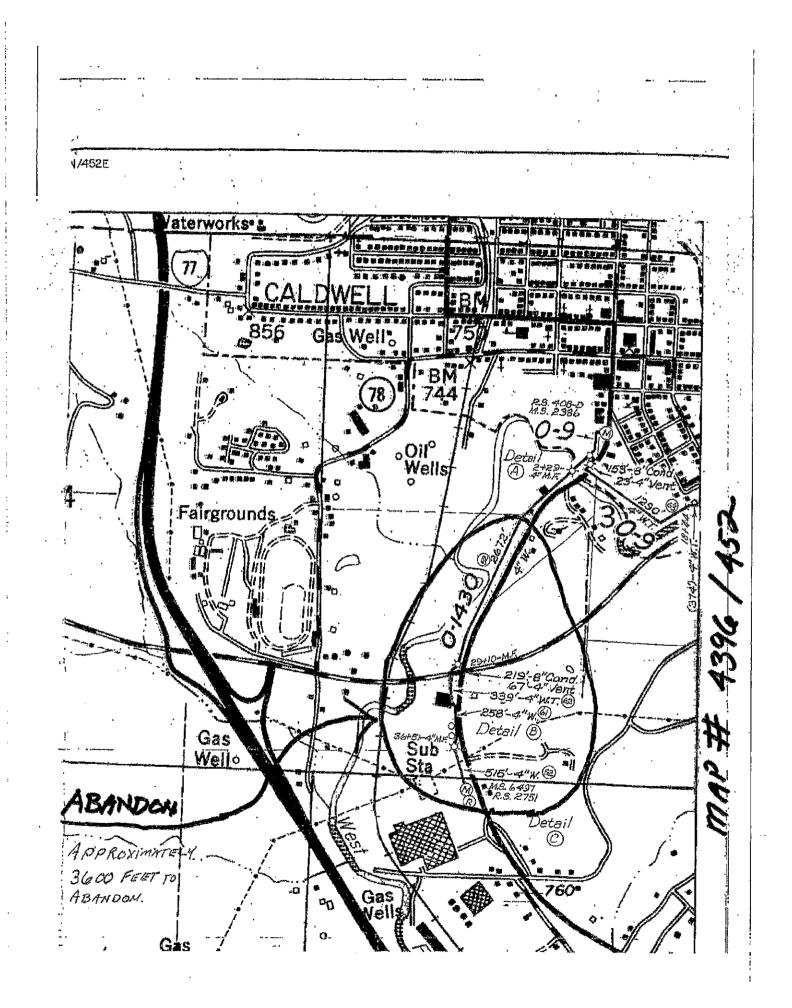
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EXHIBIT A



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