

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Joint Motion to)
Modify the December 2, 2009 Opinion)
and Order and the September 7, 2011) Case No. 12-2637-GA-EXM
Second Opinion and Order in Case No.)
08-1344-GA-EXM)

**MOTION TO EXTEND DATE
FOR FILING INTERVENOR TESTIMONY**

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) respectfully requests a short extension of the deadline for the filing of Intervenor testimony, which currently is due today, November 26, 2012. The reason for the request for extension is that Columbia and other parties that are signatory to the Joint Motion to Modify Orders Granting Exemptions and the Stipulation and Recommendation believe that there will be an additional signatory party to the Stipulation and Recommendation and, thus, that there will be a revised Joint Motion to Modify Orders Granting Exemptions and a revised Stipulation and Recommendation.

Counsel for Columbia contacted the Attorney Examiner to inform her of its intention to request the extension of time for the filing of Intervenor testimony, and to request a time for all parties to discuss that request. Accordingly, Columbia also requests that the Attorney Examiner convene a telephonic conference call this afternoon, at 2:00 pm to discuss Columbia's request for extension and any other pertinent procedural matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On October 4, 2012, Columbia, Ohio Gas Marketers Group, Retail Energy Supply Association, Dominion Retail, Inc., and Staff (Joint Movants) initiated this case and filed a joint motion to modify the December 2, 2009, and September 7, 2011 orders in Case No. 08-1344-GA-EXM, along with a Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation). By entry issued on October 18, 2012, the attorney examiner, among other things, scheduled the deadline for filing of Intervenor testimony on Monday, November 26, 2012; scheduled the hearing in this matter to commence on December 3, 2012; and directed Columbia to publish notice of the hearing.

Columbia and other Joint Movants and Signatory Parties believe that they will be in a position to file a revised Stipulation and Recommendation that includes another party and a revised Joint Motion, perhaps later today. Accordingly, in order to avoid filing of additional unnecessary Intervenor testimony by the additional stipulating party and to provide additional time for non-signatory parties to review the revised Stipulation and Recommendation and revised Joint Motion, Columbia requests that a short one- or two-day extension of the deadline for filing intervenor testimony be provided.

Columbia believes that no other changes to the procedural schedule, including the scheduled starting date for the hearing, are necessary, and so limits its request for change to the Intervenor testimony filing deadline. Columbia notes that the schedule for the hearing date is driven by the need for a decision on issues raised by the Joint Motion that impact the timing of the next Standard Choice Offer (SCO) auction, which is scheduled to take place early next year, in order to make it possible for the gas procured by that auction to begin flowing on April 1, 2013, as it must in order to ensure the seamless provision of SCO service to customers. The auction itself depends upon the timely preparation of prospective bidders. Columbia has scheduled the pre-bid educational meeting for the

prospective bidders on January 8, 2013, in order to prepare them for the auction. At that pre-bid meeting, Columbia must be able to inform the prospective bidders concerning the requirements and parameters of the bidding process, so that they can prepare responsive and competitive bids for SCO service. Accordingly, to the extent that the December 3 hearing date is prerequisite to the Commission's timely issuance of its order in this case, Columbia believes that the Commission should maintain that date.

In order to provide an opportunity to the parties to discuss this request for extension, Columbia also requests that the Attorney Examiner schedule a teleconference call for all interested parties for 2:00 pm today, November 26, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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