

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc. For Approval of a)	
Waiver of Certain Natural Gas Ancillary)	Case No. 13- - GA-WVR
Service Rates.)	

**MOTION FOR WAIVER OF TARIFF AND
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.**

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") requests authority to waive Section VII, Sheet No. 35, page 1 of 1, paragraph 35.13 of its Tariff for the rate change fee incurred by Suppliers for the month of April 2013. Columbia also requests expedited consideration of this Motion. The reasons for this Motion are more fully explained in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted by

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On January 9, 2013, the Commission issued an Opinion and Order in Case No. 12-2637-GA-EXM, approving a Joint Amended Stipulation. The Amended Stipulation provides that, *inter alia*, the Standard Choice Offer ("SCO") balancing fee will be reduced from \$.32 per Mcf to \$.27 per Mcf. Moreover, Columbia will directly bill customers for this balancing fee, instead of billing Suppliers. Consequently, the Amended Stipulation provides that, after April 1, 2013, no CHOICE Supplier may charge retail CHOICE customers a rate designed to provide compensation for the balancing fee that Columbia charged any supplier prior to April 1, 2013.

In order to effectuate the structural change to the balancing fee, CHOICE Suppliers are required to submit to Columbia a request to change all impacted rate codes. Pursuant to Columbia's Tariff, Section VII, Sheet No. 35, page 1 of 1, paragraph 35.13, retail natural gas suppliers requesting a rate change will be assessed \$25 for each billing rate change. Given the amount of rate codes impacted by the change in the balancing fee structure, Suppliers would have to pay a significantly large amount to make these changes in one month.

Furthermore, the intent of the tariff provision is to dissuade suppliers from making excessive billing changes. Here the change is a structural change in the program, and the change is being imposed on all suppliers. In light of these considerations, Columbia requests a one-time waiver of the rate change fee reflected in Section VII, Sheet No. 35, page 1 of 1, paragraph 35.13 of its Tariff. If the waiver is granted, Columbia will not charge suppliers for billing rate changes effective for the month of April 2013.

In order to effectuate April billing rates, suppliers must provide Columbia with their billing rates by March 20, 2013. Given the time-sensitivity of this waiver request, Columbia respectfully requests expedited treatment of this Motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein Columbia respectfully requests that it be granted a one-time waiver of Section VII, Sheet No. 35, page 1 of 1, paragraph 35.13 of its Tariff, to be effective for CHOICE supplier billing rates for the month of April, 2013.

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