

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application to Modify, )  
in Accordance with Section 4929.08, )  
Revised Code, the Exemption Granted ) Case No. 12-2637-GA-EXM  
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., in Case No. 08- )  
1344-GA-EXM. )

ENTRY ON REHEARING

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia), is a natural gas company as defined by Section 4905.03(A)(5), Revised Code, and a public utility as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2) By opinion and order issued December 2, 2009, in *In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for Approval of a General Exemption of Certain Natural Gas Commodity Sales Services or Ancillary Services*, Case No. 08-1344-GA-EXM (08-1344), the Commission approved a stipulation, which authorized Columbia to conduct an auction to secure natural gas supplies, initially through a standard service offer (SSO) structure, and subsequently through a standard choice offer (SCO) structure through March 31, 2012.
- (3) On September 7, 2011, in 08-1344, the Commission issued a second opinion and order, which, *inter alia*, authorized the continuation of the stipulation approved on December 2, 2009, for the 12-month period beginning April 1, 2012.
- (4) By opinion and order issued January 9, 2013, in the above-captioned case, the Commission, *inter alia*, granted the joint motion to modify the orders in 08-1344 and approved an amended stipulation entered into between Columbia, Ohio Gas Marketers Group (OGMG), Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), Dominion Retail, Inc. (Dominion), Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), and Staff. The amended stipulation, *inter alia*, modified the exemption approved by the Commission in 08-1344 for a five-year term commencing on April 1, 2013. The

stipulation, as approved, also provided that nonresidential Choice customers would be moved from the SCO to a monthly variable rate (MVR) for default gas supplies once the level of shopping for nonresidential Choice customers reaches 70 percent for three consecutive months, and the Commission established the initial allocation process for the move to the MVR.

- (5) Motions to intervene in this case were also granted for the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE), Hess Corporation (Hess), Stand Energy Corporation, Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, Ohio Schools Council, Volunteer Energy Services, Inc., Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business, LLC (Direct Energy), Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS), and Honda of America Manufacturing, Inc.
- (6) Section 4903.10, Revised Code, provides that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for rehearing with respect to any matters determined by the Commission within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the journal of the Commission.
- (7) On February 8, 2013, applications for rehearing of the Commission's January 9, 2013, order were filed by: Columbia, OGMG, and RESA (Columbia/OGMG/RESA); Hess; OPAE; and Dominion.
- (8) On February 19, 2013, memoranda contra the applications for rehearing were filed by: Columbia; OGMG and RESA; Direct Energy and IGS; Dominion; and Hess.
- (9) At this time, the Commission finds it appropriate to grant the applications filed by Columbia/OGMG/RESA, Hess, OPAE, and Dominion for the limited purpose of providing the Commission more time to consider the applications. Accordingly, the applications for rehearing filed by Columbia/OGMG/RESA, Hess, OPAE, and Dominion should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, in accordance with finding (9), the applications for rehearing filed by Columbia/OGMG/RESA, Hess, OPAE, and Dominion be granted. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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