

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of )	
Daniel L. Whisner, )	
)	
Complainant, )	
)	
v. )	Case No. 13-1979-GA-CSS
)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. )	
)	
Respondent. )	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On September 20, 2013, Daniel L. Whisner (complainant) filed a complaint with the Commission against Columbia Gas of Ohio Inc. (Columbia or respondent). The Complainant stated that, on or about March 22, 2013, he and his son-in-law began digging a hole to install a curtain drain around a septic system. Complainant further admitted that they punctured the gas line. The Complainant claimed that they immediately stopped digging and contacted Columbia. The Complainant accepts responsibility for the puncture of the line and claims he is ready to pay for the reasonable cost of repairs. However, the Complainant argued that the damage he caused could have been repaired using a coupler, but Columbia brought in earth moving equipment, excavated the line to the meter, and upgraded their facilities. The Complainant contested Columbia's attempt to upgrade their facilities at his expense.

The Complainant averred that Columbia, despite his efforts otherwise, has refused to recognize that he, rather than his son-in-law's business, is the party responsible for the damages to the line and to provide him a detailed description of the charges.

- (2) On October 10, 2013, Columbia filed its answer to the complaint. In its answer, Columbia admitted that it repaired the gas service line at the Complainant's home on or about March 22, 2013, and that it billed the Complainant's son-in-

law's landscaping business for the damages to the gas line. However, Columbia denied that it upgraded its facilities at the North Clayton Street address. Further, Columbia denies any allegations not specifically admitted or denied in its answer.

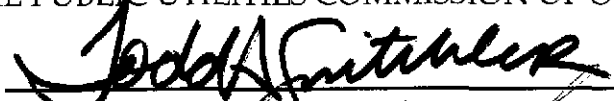
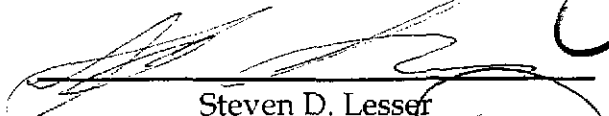

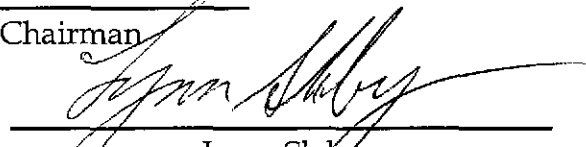
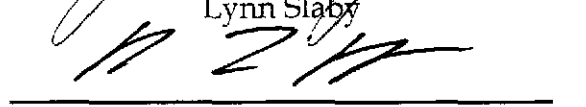
- (3) By Entry issued October 30, 2013, this matter was scheduled for a settlement conference to be held on November 14, 2014. However, prior to the scheduled settlement conference, each party represented to the attorney examiner that the dispute had been resolved.
- (4) On December 12, 2013, the parties filed a joint motion to dismiss the complaint on the basis that they had reached a mutually agreeable resolution of the dispute.
- (5) The Commission finds that the joint motion to dismiss is reasonable and should, therefore, be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the parties' motion to dismiss be granted and the complaint dismissed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon the Complainant, Columbia and its counsel, and all other interested persons of record.

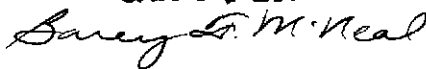
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