

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an) Case No. 13-2146-GA-RDR
Adjustment to Rider IRP and Rider DSM)
Rates)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By Opinion and Order issued December 3, 2008, in *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 08-72-GA-AIR, et al. (*Columbia Distribution Rate Case*) the Commission approved a Stipulation that, inter alia, provided a process for adjustments to the Infrastructure Replacement Program Rider (Rider IRP) and the Demand-Side Management Rider (Rider DSM) of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia). In accordance with the Stipulation, by November 30 of each year, Columbia is to file its initial prefiling notice and such notice would include estimated schedules regarding Rider IRP and Rider DSM, containing a combination of actual and projected data for the calendar year. Columbia agreed to file, by the following February 28, an updated application with schedules based on actual data through the end of the prior calendar year. Staff and other parties may then file comments and Columbia has until March 31 to resolve the issues raised in the comments. If the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, then a hearing will be held. The goal of the process set forth in the Stipulation is for the proposed amendments to Rider IRP and Rider DSM to be effective by the first billing cycle of May.
- (2) In accordance with the Rider IRP and Rider DSM provisions of the Stipulation in *Columbia Distribution Rate Case*, Columbia filed its prefiling notice on November 25, 2013, in the instant case.
- (3) On February 10, 2014, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) filed a motion to intervene in this case. In support of its motion, OPAE states that it is an Ohio corporation with a stated purpose of advocating for affordable energy prices for low to moderate income Ohioans. Additionally, OPAE states that it includes as members non-profit organizations located in the service area. No memorandum contra was filed in opposition to

OPAE's motion to intervene. Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that the motion to intervene should be granted.

- (4) On March 3, 2014, Columbia filed its application in this case, requesting an adjustment to Rider IRP and Rider DSM to recover costs for 2013.¹
- (5) In order to accomplish the review of Columbia's proposed adjustments to Rider IRP and Rider DSM, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
 - (a) March 28, 2014: Deadline for filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) March 28, 2014: Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the application.
 - (c) April 2, 2014: Deadline for Columbia to file a statement informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.
 - (d) April 9, 2014: Deadline for the parties and Staff to file expert testimony.
 - (e) In the event that some or all of the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such a stipulation with the Commission by 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 2014.
 - (f) In the event all of the issues are not resolved or the parties enter into a stipulation, a hearing shall commence on April 11, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Any party requesting a continuance of the hearing must file a motion to continue the hearing with the Commission by 10:00 a.m. on April 10, 2014.

¹ By Entry issued March 3, 2014, in *In re Filing Date for Pleadings and Other Papers*, Case No. 14-38-AU-UNC, Columbia was authorized to file its application one business day beyond the February 28, 2014 deadline, because of the unanticipated closing of Commission offices on February 28, 2014.

- (6) In light of the time frame for this proceeding, the attorney examiner requires that, in the event that any motion is made in this proceeding, any memoranda contra shall be filed within three business days after the service of such motion, and reply memoranda to any memorandum contra will not be accepted. Parties shall provide service of pleadings via hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail.
- (7) In addition, the attorney examiner finds that response time for discovery shall be shortened to seven calendar days. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail. An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served in advance to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion for intervention filed by OPAE be granted in accordance with finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (5) be adopted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the processes established in findings (6) and (7). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/L. Douglas Jennings

By: L. Douglas Jennings
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants OPAC's motion for intervention in accordance with finding (3), sets the procedural schedule indicated in finding (5), and orders parties to adhere to the processes established in findings (6) and (7). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of L. Douglas Jennings, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio