

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense)
Rider of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. and) Case No. 14-321-GA-UEX
Related Matters.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) By Finding and Order issued December 17, 2003, in *In re Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, the Commission approved the application of five natural gas companies, including Columbia, to recover uncollectible accounts expenses (UEX) through riders.
- (3) Columbia's current UEX rider rate of \$(0.0176)¹ per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by Opinion and Order issued May 29, 2013, in *In re Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 13-321-GA-UEX.
- (4) On April 14, 2014, Columbia filed an application to increase its UEX rider rate to \$0.1457 per Mcf, an increase of \$0.1633. The proposed rate consists of the following two components: recovery of prior period under-collections, which amount to a balance of \$8,321,074 as of May 31, 2014; and recovery of projected uncollectible expenses and recoveries during the 12-month period ending May 31, 2015, amounting to \$17,467,967. The implementation of these two adjustments results in a net rate of \$0.1457 per Mcf.
- (5) On May 15, 2014, Staff filed comments on Columbia's application recommending approval of the proposed UEX rider rate.
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that the proposed adjustment to Columbia's UEX rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

¹ Amounts shown in parenthesis indicate negative numbers.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Columbia's application be approved and Columbia be authorized to increase the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.1457 per Mcf. It is, further,

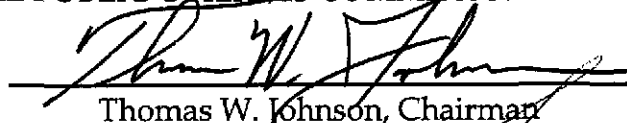
ORDERED, That Columbia is authorized to file two complete copies of tariffs in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. Columbia shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

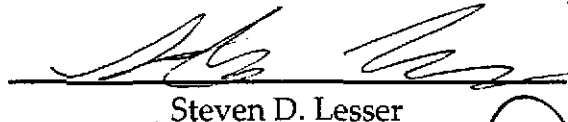
ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

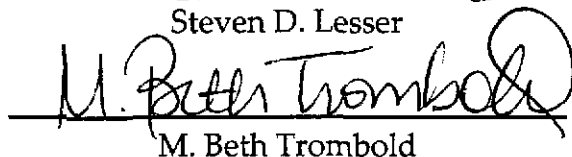
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any further proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

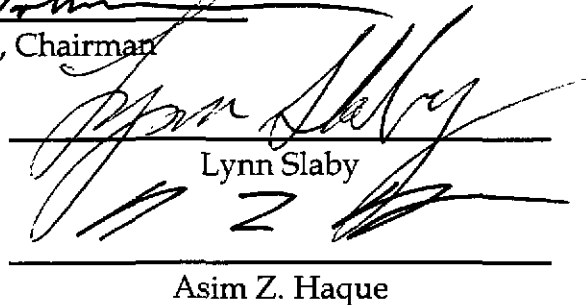
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Columbia and upon all interested persons of record.

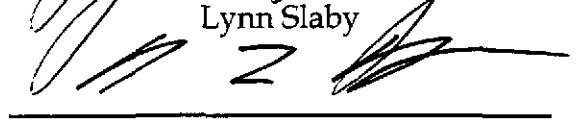
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Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman


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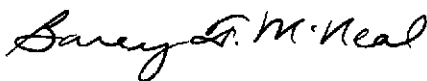

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