

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC. FOR
APPROVAL OF AN ARRANGEMENT WITH
SUBURBAN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE.

CASE NO. 17-445-GA-AEC

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on April 12, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an arrangement with Suburban Natural Gas Company for natural gas service.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) and Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) are natural gas companies as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4905.31 authorizes the Commission to approve schedules or reasonable arrangements between a public utility and another public utility. The statute provides that every such schedule or reasonable arrangement shall be under the supervision and regulation of the Commission, and is subject to change, alteration, or modification by the Commission.

{¶ 4} On February 13, 2017, Columbia filed an application, pursuant to R.C. 4905.31, seeking approval of an arrangement with Suburban for natural gas service. Columbia explains that it currently provides gas service to Suburban in the vicinity of Lazelle Road in Delaware County, Ohio under two Commission-approved agreements. Columbia notes that the first agreement, approved by the Commission on March 4, 1999,

in Case No. 97-730-GA-AEC, is for a point of delivery (POD) at 442 Lazelle Road (442 Lazelle). Columbia further notes that the second agreement, approved by the Commission on October 24, 2001, and September 23, 2003, in Case No. 01-2326-GA-AEC, is for a POD in the vicinity west of Lazelle Road and South Old State Road (Lazelle/Old State). According to Columbia, both agreements will end upon approval of the application in the present case. Columbia explains that, under the new agreement, it will continue providing natural gas service to Suburban at 442 Lazelle, as an emergency source of supply. In addition, Columbia states that, due to a road widening project, the existing POD at Lazelle/Old State will be relocated and a new POD will be built by Suburban at the northeast corner. Finally, Columbia notes that, under the new agreement, which is attached to the application, Suburban will pay Columbia the monthly New York Mercantile Exchange final settlement price, plus the Retail Price Adjustment, plus \$0.10 per thousand cubic feet for natural gas service to the new POD.

{¶ 5} On February 22, 2017, Staff filed its review and recommendations in response to Columbia's application. Staff reviewed the application filed in this case and found that it is reasonable and in the public interest. Staff recommends that the application should be approved.

{¶ 6} Upon review of Columbia's application, as well as Staff's review and recommendations, the Commission finds that the application does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should, therefore, be approved. Accordingly, we find that the reasonable arrangement between Columbia and Suburban should be approved pursuant to R.C. 4905.31.

III. ORDER

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Columbia's application be approved. It is, further,

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

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

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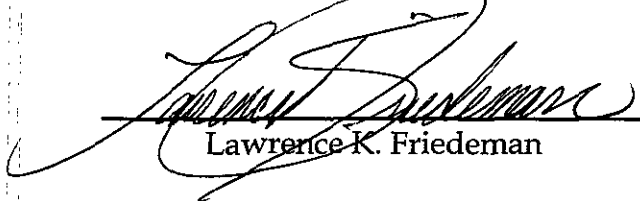
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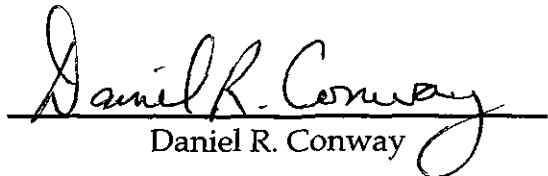
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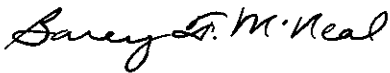


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