

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDIT OF THE  
UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER OF CASE NO. 17-321-GA-UEX  
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

### FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 24, 2017

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. to decrease its uncollectible expense rider rate.

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} On December 17, 2003, the Commission approved the application of five natural gas companies, including Columbia, to recover uncollectible expenses (UEX) through riders. *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, Finding and Order (Dec. 17, 2003). Columbia was required to file annually with the Commission a report identifying the amounts recovered, deferred, and, as applicable, amortized under the UEX rider. In addition, Columbia was permitted to request an adjustment to the UEX rider.

{¶ 4} On June 15, 2016, the Commission approved Columbia's current UEX rider rate of \$0.0555 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 16-321-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (June 15, 2016).

{¶ 5} On April 14, 2017, in the above-captioned case, Columbia filed an application to decrease its UEX rider rate to \$0.0438 per Mcf, as summarized below:

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Decrease
\$0.0555 per Mcf	\$0.0438 per Mcf	\$0.0117 per Mcf

The proposed rate is comprised of two components: Columbia's projected deferred uncollectible expenses as of May 31, 2017, and Columbia's estimated uncollectible accounts expense for the 12-month period ending May 31, 2018.

{¶ 6} On May 8, 2017, Staff filed comments on Columbia's application, recommending approval of the proposed UEX rider rate.

{¶ 7} 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. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Columbia should be authorized to include the revised UEX rider rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates Columbia applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Columbia's application be approved and Columbia be authorized to decrease the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.0438 per Mcf. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Columbia is authorized to file 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,

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

{¶ 12} 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,

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

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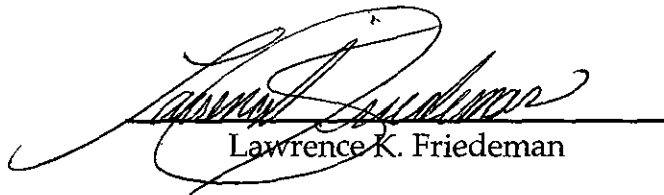
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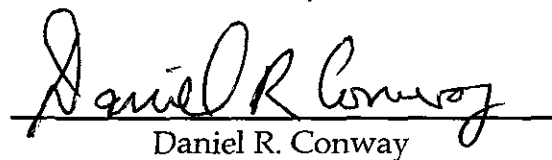
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