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MOTION TO INTERVENE AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC.

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MOTION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") 4903.221 and Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") 4901-1-11, Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. ("IGS") moves for leave to intervene in the above captioned proceedings in which Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio ("Vectren") seeks to increase its gas distribution rates, tariff changes, and to establish an alternative rate plan. IGS has real and substantial interest in these proceedings that will not be protected in the absence of IGS intervention. The interests of IGS are not represented by any other party in the proceedings.

IGS respectfully request the Commission grant its Motion. The reasons for IGS' motion are more fully set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

¹ The Attorney Examiner consolidated these proceedings on May 24, 2018.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

For purposes of considering requests for leave to intervene in a Commission proceeding, OAC 4901-1-11(A) provides that:

Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that: ... (2) The person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his or her ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

Further, RC 4903.221(B) and Rule 4901-1-11(B), OAC, provide that the Commission, in ruling upon applications to intervene in its proceedings, shall consider the following criteria:

(1) The nature and extent of the prospective intervener's interest; (2) The legal position advanced by the prospective intervener and its probable relation to the merits of the case; (3) Whether the intervention by the prospective intervener will unduly prolong or delay the proceedings; (4) Whether the prospective intervener will significantly contribute to full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues.

IGS is a certified competitive retail electric service ("CRES") provider and a certified competitive retail natural gas ("CRNG") provider serving customers in the State of Ohio for over 27 years. IGS and its family of companies provide its customers with a diverse range of retail products and services, including natural gas supply for residential, commercial, and industrial customers within the Vectren service territory. The IGS family of companies also construct combined heat and power facilities, compressed natural gas fueling stations, and other natural gas related products.

In this proceeding, Vectren seeks to increase its gas distribution rates and to establish an alternative rate plan. Moreover, Vectren "is also proposing various revisions to non-rate rules, regulations, terms, and conditions contained in its Tariff for Gas Service, including modifications to the terms and conditions applicable to transportation service and its Choice program." Application at 3 (Mar. 30, 2018). Thus, the filing may impact the manner in which IGS provides competitive retail natural gas service in Vectren's service territory.

IGS has a direct interest in these proceedings. Without the ability to fully participate in these proceedings IGS's direct interest will be substantially prejudiced. Inasmuch as others participating in these proceedings cannot adequately protect IGS' interests, it would be inappropriate to determine these proceedings without IGS' participation.

Finally, IGS's participation will not unduly delay these proceedings. Moreover, IGS will contribute to full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues in these proceedings.

The Supreme Court of Ohio has held that intervention should be liberally allowed for those with an interest in the proceeding.² In light of the liberal interpretation of the intervention rules, and for the reasons stated above, IGS meets the standards for intervention in this proceeding.

For the reasons set forth above, IGS respectfully requests the Commission grant this Motion to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Ohio Consumers' Counsel v. Pub. Util. Comm., (2006) 111 OhioSt.3d 384, 388.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing *Motion to Intervene* and *Memorandum in Support of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.* was served this 7th day of June, 2018 via electronic mail upon the following:

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