

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S
REVIEW OF THE GAS PIPELINE SAFETY
RULES IN CHAPTER 4901:1-16 OF THE
OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

CASE NO. 19-47-GA-ORD

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 30, 2019

{¶ 1} R.C. 111.15(B) and R.C. 106.03(A) require all state agencies to conduct a review, every five years, of their rules and to determine whether to continue their rules without change, amend their rules, or rescind their rules. The Commission has opened this docket in order to review the gas pipeline safety rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-16.

{¶ 2} On August 14, 2019, the Commission issued an Entry, among other things, inviting interested persons or entities to file initial comments or reply comments with the Commission regarding the proposed modifications to Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-16 by September 13, 2019, and September 27, 2019, respectively.

{¶ 3} On August 28, 2019, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. filed on behalf of itself, The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., and Ohio Gas Company (collectively, Movants) a joint motion to extend the deadline for filing comments and a request for expedited ruling. Specifically, Movants request a two-week extension for initial comments, which would fall on September 27, 2019, and a three-week extension for reply comments, which would fall on October 18, 2019. In support of their request, Movants state that the proposed rule changes include new requirements related to abandonment of service lines, and an extension would provide additional time to analyze the proposed rule changes. Furthermore, Movants aver that the proposed changes would significantly impact them in organizational, operational, legal, and financial ways, and additional time would allow Movants to fully understand the impacts of the rules as well as file more comprehensive and insightful initial comments. On that note, Movants also request an extension of time for reply comments to provide

sufficient time to analyze and respond to any initial comments. Additionally, Movants explain that they met last week to begin discussing the proposed changes and the gas pipeline safety rules in general, and additional time will allow them to attempt to coordinate the filing of joint initial and reply comments. Lastly, Movants request an expedited ruling on their motion, and because there are no intervening or other parties in this docket at this time, Movants cannot certify there are no objections.

{¶ 4} After review of Movants' joint motion for extension of time to file comments and in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(F), the attorney examiner finds that Movants' request is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, interested persons or entities may file initial comments until September 27, 2019, and reply comments until October 18, 2019.

{¶ 5} It is, therefore,

{¶ 6} ORDERED, That Movants' joint motion to extend the deadline for filing comments be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That all interested persons or entities wishing to file comments or reply comments with the Commission regarding the proposed rules do so no later than September 27, 2019, and October 18, 2019, respectively. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be sent to the gas-pipeline list-serve. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all regulated gas, natural gas, and pipeline companies, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, the Ohio Gas Association, the

Ohio Oil and Gas Association, the Ohio Petroleum Council, the American Petroleum Institute – Ohio, and all other interested persons of record.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motion to extend the deadline for filing comments electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Lauren L. Augostini, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio