

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC. FOR AN
ADJUSTMENT TO RIDER IRP AND RIDER
DSM RATES.

CASE NO. 19-1940-GA-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 6, 2020

{¶ 1} Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) is a natural gas company as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06.

{¶ 2} In Case No. 08-72-GA-AIR, et al., the Commission approved a Stipulation that, inter alia, provided a process for adjustments to the Infrastructure Replacement Program Rider (Rider IRP) and the Demand-Side Management Rider (Rider DSM) of Columbia. *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 08-72-GA-AIR, et al. (*Columbia Distribution Rate Case*), Opinion and Order (Dec. 3, 2008). In accordance with the Stipulation, by November 30 of each year, Columbia is to file its initial prefiling notice and such notice would include estimated schedules regarding Rider IRP and Rider DSM, containing a combination of actual and projected data for the calendar year. Columbia agreed to file, by the following February 28, an updated application with schedules based on actual data through the end of the prior calendar year. Staff and other parties may then file comments and Columbia has until March 31 to resolve the issues raised in the comments. If the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, then a hearing will be held. The goal of the process set forth in the Stipulation is for the proposed amendments to Rider IRP and Rider DSM to be effective by the first billing cycle of May.

{¶ 3} In accordance with the Rider IRP and Rider DSM provisions of the Stipulation in the *Columbia Distribution Rate Case*, Columbia filed its prefiling notice on November 26, 2019, in the instant case.

{¶ 4} On February 28, 2020, Columbia filed its application in this case, requesting an adjustment to Rider IRP and Rider DSM to recover costs for 2019.

{¶ 5} In order to accomplish the review of Columbia's proposed adjustments to Rider IRP and Rider DSM, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) March 20, 2020 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) March 20, 2020 – Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the application.
- (c) March 27, 2020 – Deadline for Columbia to file a statement informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.
- (d) March 30, 2020 – Deadline for the parties and Staff to file expert testimony.
- (e) In the event that some or all of the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such a stipulation with the Commission by 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2020.
- (f) In the event all of the issues are not resolved or the parties enter into a stipulation, a hearing shall commence on April 1, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Any party requesting a continuance of the hearing must file a motion to continue the hearing with the Commission by 10:00 a.m. on March 31, 2020.

{¶ 6} In light of the time frame for this proceeding, the attorney examiner requires that, in the event any motion is made in this proceeding, any memorandum contra shall be filed within three business days after the service of such motion, and a reply memorandum to any memorandum contra will not be accepted. Parties shall provide service of pleadings via hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail.

{¶ 7} In addition, the attorney examiner finds that the response time for discovery shall be shortened to seven days. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail. An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact, in advance, the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 5 be adopted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the processes established in Paragraphs 6 and 7. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Matthew J. Sandor

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry providing directives and setting the procedural schedule: motions to intervene and comments due 3/20/20; reply comments by 3/27/20; expert testimony due 3/30/20; stipulation by 3/31/20; hearing on 4/1/20 at 10:00 am. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Matthew Sandor, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio