

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF
INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC. D/B/A IGS
ENERGY,**

COMPLAINANT,

v.

CASE NO. 19-362-GE-CSS

**SANTANNA NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION D/B/A SANTANNA
ENERGY SERVICES,**

RESPONDENT.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 9, 2022

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants the joint motion to dismiss, with prejudice, filed by the parties.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory. Pursuant to R.C. 4928.16 and 4929.24, the Commission has jurisdiction under R.C. 4905.26, upon complaint of any person, regarding the provision by an electric services company and retail natural gas supplier subject to certification under R.C. 4928.08 and 4929.20 of any service for which it is subject to certification.

{¶ 3} Complainant, Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. d/b/a IGS Energy (IGS), and Respondent, Santanna Natural Gas Corporation d/b/a Santanna Energy Services (Santanna), are retail natural gas suppliers, as defined in R.C. 4929.01, and electric services

companies, as defined in R.C. 4928.01, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 4} On February 1, 2019, IGS filed a complaint against Santanna alleging that, beginning on or about January 9, 2018, Santanna violated Ohio law by contacting IGS' customers and engaging in misleading and deceptive sales and marketing practices.

{¶ 5} Santanna filed its answer on February 21, 2019. In its answer, Santanna admitted some and denied other allegations in the complaint. Santanna also set forth in the answer several affirmative defenses.

{¶ 6} Pursuant to an Entry dated March 12, 2019, the parties participated in a settlement conference on April 9, 2019.

{¶ 7} Following the settlement conference, the parties filed various pleadings addressing discovery issues in the case. IGS filed a motion to compel discovery and memorandum in support on June 7, 2019. Santanna filed a motion for protective order and memorandum in support on July 30, 2019. Both filings were fully briefed by the parties pursuant to pleadings that concluded on August 21, 2019.

{¶ 8} On September 24, 2021, the attorney examiner held a prehearing conference to discuss prehearing discovery and settlement issues.

{¶ 9} Pursuant to Entries on September 24 and November 15, 2021, the attorney examiner scheduled this matter for a further settlement conference on December 3, 2021.

{¶ 10} On February 24, 2022, the parties filed a joint motion to dismiss complaint, with prejudice. In the pleading, the parties represent that they have reached an agreement that resolves all of the matters raised in the complaint.

{¶ 11} The Commission finds the joint motion to dismiss to be reasonable. Accordingly, the case is dismissed, with prejudice.

III. ORDER

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the joint motion to dismiss, with prejudice, be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That this case be closed of record. It is, further,

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair

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