

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Cokinos)
Natural Gas Company for Authority to)
Abandon Service, Cancel its Tariff and) Case No. 97-1204-GA-ABN
Contracts, and Have its Name Removed)
from the Roll of Public Utilities.) *0002*

ENTRY

The attorney examiner, pursuant to the authority set forth in Rule 4901-1-14, Ohio Administrative Code, finds:

- (1) By entry of September 10, 1986, in Case No. 85-1836-PL-AEC, the Commission approved the application of Cokinos Natural Gas Company (Cokinos) to engage in the transportation of natural gas, pursuant to an agreement with Mark Producing Company (Mark), from wells in Morrow County, Ohio, for redelivery to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
- (2) On October 1, 1997, Cokinos filed an application with this Commission seeking to be removed from the roll of public utilities.
- (3) Cokinos is a natural gas pipeline company and a public utility as defined in Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(7), Revised Code. Therefore, Cokinos is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (4) In support of its application, Cokinos states that its agreement with Mark has been terminated, that it owns no gas production or pipeline facilities in the state of Ohio, has no customers in Ohio, and is not engaged in the business of supplying natural gas within the state of Ohio. Cokinos requests that the Commission issue an order allowing it to be removed from the Commission's rolls of public utilities.
- (5) Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised Code, set forth the statutory requirements pertaining to abandonment of service and facilities by public utilities. Pursuant to Section 4905.21, Revised Code, legal notice must be given of the application. The notice shall state the time and place of the public hearing to be held to ascertain the reasonableness of the proposed abandonment. Therefore, the Commission will schedule a hearing in this matter but will establish a procedure whereby

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the newspaper notice requires interested persons who can show good cause why the abandonment should not be granted to submit written objections to the application. Following publication of legal notice, if no objections are received by the Commission, the Commission will decide the case on the basis of the verified information submitted by the applicant.

- (6) Accordingly, this matter should be scheduled for public hearing on December 16, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission.
- (7) Within fourteen days of the journalization of this entry, the applicant should cause the following legal notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Morrow County once a week for four consecutive weeks:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application (Case No. 97-1204-GA-ABN) has been filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by Cokinos Natural Gas Company to abandon its public utility pipeline service in Morrow County, Ohio. The applicant alleges that it terminated an agreement whereby it was engaged in the delivery of natural gas, that it has no customers in Ohio, and that it does not own any gas production or pipeline facilities in Ohio.

Any interested person who can show good cause why the abandonment application should not be granted should file with the Commission a written statement detailing the reasons on or before December 9, 1997. Unless the Commission receives a written statement to that effect, the case will be decided on the basis of the verified information and exhibits contained in the application. The Commission will conduct a hearing on the application at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 1997, at the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Further information may be obtained by referring to the case number above and contacting the Public Utilities Commission of

Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
43215-3793.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Cokinos publish notice of this application and hearing in accordance with Finding 7. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Cokinos file with the Commission proof of publication and an affidavit of service prior to the hearing. It is, further,

ORDERED, That any interested person who can show good cause why this application should not be granted shall file with the Commission a written statement detailing the reasons on or before December 9, 1997. It is, further,

ORDERED, That, a hearing shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 1997, at the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon Cokinos and its counsel and all other parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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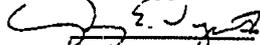
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