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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Commission's)
Investigation and Further Consideration)
Of the Language Set Forth in the Tariffs)
Of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.,)
The East Ohio Gas Company, and The)
Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company)
Regarding the Enforcement of the Code)
Of Conduct for the Customer Choice)
Programs.)

Case No. 99-661-GA-COI

REPLY COMMENTS OF HONDA OF AMERICA MFG., INC.

Now comes Honda of America Mfg., Inc. (Honda) and presents its reply comments concerning the Commission Ordered Investigation (COI) in this docket. By June 25, 1999, nine parties, including Honda, filed their comments regarding the Staff's proposed changes to the gas customer choice code of conduct enforcement procedures. All nine parties opposed the Staff's proposal. The collective theme of the comments is that the Staff's proposal is inappropriate considering the Staff's failure to set forth any factual basis for the new remedial process. The consensus of the comments is that the Staff proposal may be both legally and procedurally flawed.

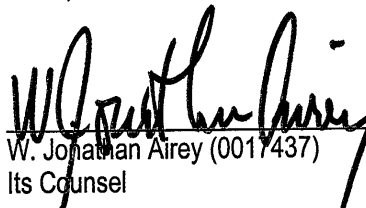
Honda submits that all parties could be fairly characterized as supportive of a roundtable-workshop procedure to be implemented by the Commission to consider the subject matter. Accordingly, due to the overwhelming opposition to the proposal Honda encourages the Commission to take its time in reaching a determination and consider the implementation of a roundtable process to discuss the problems the Staff's proposal will create for all the stakeholders in the Ohio natural gas market.

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Therefore, the most efficacious and expedient manner for addressing the Commission's concerns is through an informal roundtable-workshop discussion. Such an open and robust dialogue, prior to any Commission determination on the Staff's proposal, is vital to develop the necessary support for massive change in the regulation of the Ohio natural gas market.

Respectfully submitted,

**HONDA OF AMERICA
MFG., INC.**

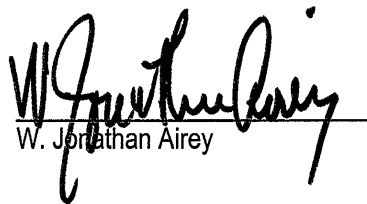
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I hereby certify that copies of the Reply Comments of Honda of America Mfg., Inc. have been served by first class mail, postage prepaid, on all parties of record this 9th day of July 1999.


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