

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Investigation Into Long-)
Term Solutions Concerning Disconnection) Case No. 83-303-GE-COI
of Gas and Electric Service in Winter Emer-) (Phase I)
gencies.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Because of severe flooding in several southern Ohio counties in March 1997, the Ohio Department of Development has extended the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program through April 30, 1997, for the following counties: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clermont, Gallia, Hamilton, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington.
- (2) By Entry in this case dated October 10, 1996, this Commission issued a special reconnection order requiring gas, natural gas, and electric companies under our jurisdiction to reconnect the service of those who have had their service disconnected for non-payment or to maintain the service of those who have received a notice that their service is to be disconnected for non-payment, for a maximum payment of \$175.00. That Entry by its own terms was to be effective until the end of the 1996-1997 heating season, April 15, 1997. Customers of regulated gas, natural gas, and electric companies may avail themselves of the terms of the special reconnection order no more than once during the heating season.
- (3) In view of the severe disruption to the living conditions of those affected by the floods in southern Ohio, we are extending the time for which the special reconnection order contained in our October 10, 1996, Entry in this case is effective from April 15, 1997, to April 30, 1997, for the counties listed in Finding 1. We are also permitting those customers in the affected counties to avail themselves of the special reconnection order, if they are eligible by the terms of the special reconnection order, once after the date of this Entry, regardless whether the customer has already used the special reconnection provisions during the 1996-1997 heating season.

It is, therefore,

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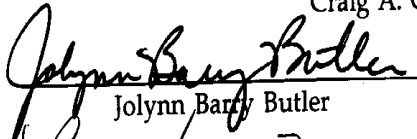
ORDERED, That the above findings be observed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each gas, natural gas, and electric company under the jurisdiction of this Commission and each other party served a copy of the Commission's October 10, 1996, special reconnection order in this case.

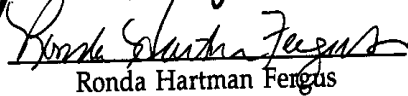
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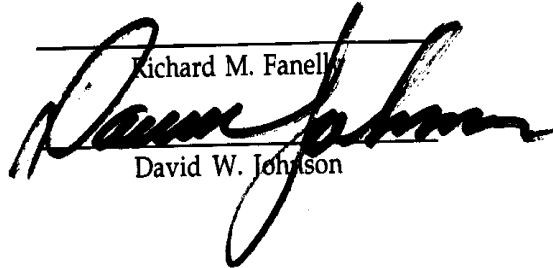
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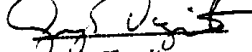
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CASE DESCRIPTION	DISCONNECTION FOR WINTER EMERGENCY
DOCUMENT SIGNED ON	April 10, 1997
DATE OF SERVICE	<u>APR 10 1997</u>

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