

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Akim M. Rahman,  
Complainants,  
v.  
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.,  
Respondent.

## ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On May 31, 2006, Akim M. Rahman filed a complaint against Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia), alleging that Columbia improperly billed him for gas services.
- (2) On June 1, 2006, pursuant to Rule 4901-9-01, Ohio Administrative Code, the secretary of the Commission served a copy of the complaint on Columbia and directed Columbia to file an answer to the complaint with the Commission, along with any responsive motions, and to serve a copy of the answer and any motions upon the complainants.
- (3) On June 20, 2006, Columbia filed its answer to the complaint, denying the allegations in the complaint.
- (4) Columbia is a public utility and a natural gas company pursuant to Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03, Revised Code, and is, therefore, subject to Commission jurisdiction under Sections 4905.04, 4905.05 and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (5) In accordance with the Commission's goal of reducing the number of adversarial proceedings before it, the attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference. The purpose of the conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. Nothing prohibits any party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference. An attorney

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examiner from the Commission's legal department will facilitate the settlement process. The parties should bring with them all documents relevant to this matter.

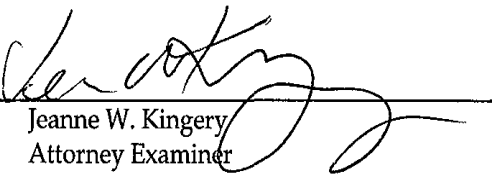
- (6) In the event that a settlement is not reached at the conference, the attorney examiner will discuss procedural issues at the conclusion of the settlement conference. Procedural issues for discussion may include discovery dates, possible stipulations of facts, and potential hearing dates.
- (7) Accordingly, this case should be scheduled for a settlement conference on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-F, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be scheduled in accordance with finding (7). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

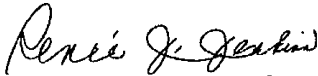
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