

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. and Knox)
Energy Cooperative Association, Inc. for) Case No. 06-1362-GA-AEC
Approval of an Agreement to Provide)
Natural Gas Transportation Service)
to Three Project Areas.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") is a public utility and natural gas company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission by virtue of the provisions of Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(6), Revised Code. Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc. ("Knox") is a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative natural gas utility located in North Canton, Ohio. Knox was established in 1998, and provides natural gas service to approximately 6,000 members located at numerous sites throughout Ohio. Pursuant to Sections 4905.02(B) and 4905.04, Revised Code, the Commission does not have jurisdiction over Knox.
- (2) On November 9, 2006, Columbia and Knox entered into a Transportation Agreement for Columbia to provide natural gas transportation service to facilities owned by Knox to serve its members in three project areas: (a) Vilnius-Brunswick, (b) Autumn Meadows-Seville, and (c) Ironton Metropolitan Housing Authority. Natural gas service is not currently available to residents in these projects. Columbia will act as transporter for gas delivered onto its system by Knox and redelivered onto Knox's system, as defined in the contract. This will be for a ten-year term starting November 9, 2006 and ending November 8, 2016. Following expiration, this agreement shall be replaced by the Commission-approved tariff then in effect for comparable service, and this agreement shall have no further force or effect.
- (4) The Commission has reviewed the application under the provisions of Section 4905.31, Revised Code, and finds that the proposed transportation agreement is reasonable and in the public interest.

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It is, therefore,

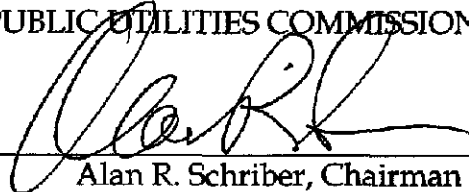
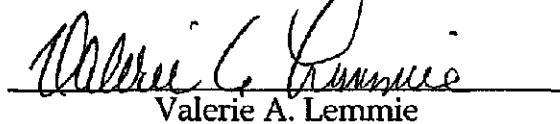
ORDERED, That the request for approval of a Transportation Agreement between Columbia and Knox is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That this case be closed of record. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Columbia and Knox.


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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