

## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Mark  
Riegel/Riegel Farms, LLC,

Complainant,

v.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.,

Respondent.

Case No. 06-1503-GA-CSS

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On December 26, 2006, Mark Riegel/Riegel Farms LLC, (complainant) filed a complaint against Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Columbia) alleging that there is a problem with the amount Columbia charged for gas usage in January and February 2006, and requesting that the Commission review the amount of gas used in those months compared to previous years.
- (2) On December 27, 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 complainant.
- (3) The attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference. Accordingly, this case should be scheduled for a conference on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, hearing room B, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (4) The purpose of the settlement conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. Therefore, the parties should bring with them all documents relevant to this matter.

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- (5) An attorney examiner from the Commission's legal department will facilitate the settlement process. However, nothing prohibits either party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference.
- (6) If a settlement is not reached at the conference, the attorney examiner will conduct a discussion of procedural issues. Procedural issues for discussion may include discovery dates, possible stipulations of facts, and potential hearing dates.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be scheduled on Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> floor, hearing room B, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record.


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
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Renee J. Jenkins  
Secretary