## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for	) Case No. 07-499-GA-UEX
Approval of an Adjustment to its	)
Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate.	)
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## **ENTRY**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) By Finding and Order dated December 17, 2003, in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC (Order), the Commission approved in concept an application brought jointly by five natural gas companies (The East Ohio Gas Company d.b.a. Dominion East Ohio, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia), Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp., and Oxford Natural Gas Company) that proposed to alter the method by which the five recover uncollectible accounts expense. The Order provided discussion on several tangential issues and guidance as to implementation and reporting.
- (2) Columbia's current uncollectible expense rider became effective in Case No. 06-649-GA-UEX, approved by Commission entry on May 31, 2006. The current rider rate is \$.2116 per Mcf.
- (3) On April 27, 2007, Columbia filed the instant application to revise its uncollectible expense rider rate. The proposed uncollectible expense rider is \$.1631 per Mcf. Staff reviewed the application and, on May 11, 2007, filed its comments recommending approval.
- (4) The Commission finds Columbia's application to be reasonable, that it comports with the Finding and Order in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, and that it should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. to revise its uncollectible expense rider to the amount of \$.1631 per Mcf, is approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. is authorized to file in final form, three complete printed copies of its final tariffs consistent with this Entry. One copy shall be filed with this case docket, one copy shall be filed with Columbia's TRF

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docket, and one copy shall be designated for distribution to the Rates and Tariffs/Energy & Water Division of the Utilities Department. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than both the date of this Entry and the date upon which three complete printed copies of final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

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

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served on Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and any other interested party.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Secretary