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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., for Certification ) Case No. 02-1683-GA-CRS  
as a Retail Natural Gas Supplier. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On July 1, 2004, Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (Interstate), filed a motion for a protective order under Rule 4901-1-24, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), with regard to its financial statements (Exhibit C-3), financial arrangements (Exhibit C-4), and financial forecasts (Exhibit C-5), as part of the renewal of its certification as a retail natural supplier. That motion was granted on August 11, 2004. On November 28, 2005, Interstate sought renewal of the protective order. On February 7, 2006, the attorney examiner renewed the protective order for an 18-month period, beginning on February 11, 2006. That order is, thus, currently scheduled to terminate on August 11, 2007.
- (2) By motion filed on June 7, 2007, Interstate asks that the protective order be renewed again, for at least 18 more months, stating that the information covered by the order is not stale and remains proprietary in nature. Interstate confirms that it has actual, substantial independent economic value, derived from not being generally known and from not being ascertainable by proper means by persons who would derive economic value from disclosure.
- (3) Rule 4901-1-24, O.A.C., allows an attorney examiner to issue an order to protect the confidentiality of information contained in a filed document, "where the information is deemed . . . to constitute a trade secret under Ohio law, and where nondisclosure of the information is not inconsistent with the purposes of Title 49 of the Revised Code." The order may also be extended pursuant to Rule 4901-1-24, O.A.C. As Interstate has asserted that the information in question is still not generally known by the public and continues to be held in confidence, and as nondisclosure is not inconsistent with the purposes of Title 49, Revised Code, the request for an 18-month extension is reasonable and should be granted.

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- (4) Accordingly, the docketing division should maintain under seal Exhibits C-3, C-4, and C-5, as originally filed on July 1, 2004, for a period of 18 months from August 11, 2007.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Interstate's motion for a protective order be granted for a period of eighteen months, commencing on August 11, 2007. Exhibits C-3, C-4, and C-5 shall remain under seal in the Commission's docketing division for that eighteen-month period. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

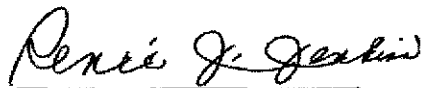
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