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Docketing Department
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case Number 07-1202-GA-ATA
Case Number 89-8003-GA-TRF

Dear Mr. Hengely:

In compliance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's rules governing Tariff Filing Procedures in Case Number 89-500-AU-TRF, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) has enclosed for filing three copies of the following tariff sheets:

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Very truly yours,
/s/ Larry W. Martin
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SECTION I - SERVICE

1. **Application for Service.** All applications for service shall be made through the local office of the Company or its authorized agents.

The Company shall not be required to furnish natural gas for boiler fuel in an amount exceeding 2,000 Mcf per day to any applicant, provided that this limitation shall not apply to gas used to provide space heating or air conditioning.

2. **Turning on Gas.** The customer, after making proper application for service, shall notify the Company when he desires service to be established. After a meter is set, only the Company may establish the initial flow of gas through the meter. Neither the customer, the customer's agent, nor the customer's employee, shall turn on the gas at the curb or meter cock to establish the initial flow of gas through the meter. A contractor hired by the customer to repair or modify the customer's piping facilities or appliances may reestablish the flow of gas to the customer's house lines, from the meter cock, after completing such repairs or modifications. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, neither the customer nor his agent or employee shall turn on the gas at the curb or meter cock.
3. **Service Not Transferable.** No person may commence the use of gas until after making application therefor. In the event of violation of this provision, in addition to other rights of the Company, such person shall be liable for all gas consumed in the premises from the date such person occupied the premise. Any successor in interest to a customer, including without limitation, heirs, executors, administrators, assignees, trustees, guardians, receivers, and conservators, shall be deemed to be a person who must make application for service, provided that successors in interest whose rights arise from death or incompetence of the customer shall have thirty (30) days in which to make application.
4. **Minimum Service Standards.** The Company shall comply with the minimum gas service standards set forth in Chapter 4901:1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code. These rules supersede any inconsistent provisions, terms, and conditions that may be found elsewhere in these tariffs with the exception of those cases where the Company has elected to adopt superior standards of service, reliability or greater protection for customers or consumers. Further the Company may adopt tariff provisions that involve areas not addressed in Chapter 4901:1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Where the Public Utilities Commission has granted a waiver the Company shall comply with any Entry granting such waiver. Copies of the rule shall be made available for inspection upon the request or inquiry of any customer or applicant for service.
5. **Continuity of Service.** The Company will furnish necessary and adequate service and facilities in compliance with Section 4905.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Company shall make reasonable provision to supply gas in sufficient quantity and at adequate uniform pressure, but does not guarantee constant supply or adequate or uniform pressure. The Company shall not be liable in damages for failure to supply gas or for interruptions in service, and shall be relieved of its obligation to serve and may discontinue or modify service, if such failure or interruption is due to acts of God or the public enemy, military action, wars, insurrections, riots, civil disturbances, vandalism, strikes, fires, floods, washouts, explosions, acts or orders of any civil, judicial or military authorities, and without limitation by the foregoing, accidents, contingencies, or other causes beyond the control of the Company.

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Without incurring any liability therefore, the Company may also suspend service for such periods as may be reasonably necessary in order to make repairs to or changes in its plant, transmission or distribution systems or other property.

6. **Utilization Factor.** The Company's supply of natural gas is received from interstate suppliers. In addition, the Company may operate Liquefied Petroleum Gas-Air plants. Heating value and specific gravity of gases received from the supplier varies between delivery points and from day to day. These variations are beyond the control of the Company which can only dispatch the gases received. Said gases may be standardized by commingling with other gases to the extent necessary, to a utilization factor of thirteen hundred (1300). This factor shall be maintained as nearly uniform as practicable, but shall not vary more than six (6) percent above or six (6) percent below such standard.

The utilization factor is the result obtained by dividing the heating value of a gas by the square root of its specific gravity. As sources and characteristics of natural gas supplies available to the Company change from time to time, the Company may find it necessary to modify such utilization factor of thirteen hundred (1300) and to amend this regulation accordingly.

7. **Service Not to be Disturbed.** No customer shall attach or use any appliance which may result in the injection of air, water, or other foreign matter into the Company's lines and, without prior approval from the Company, no customer shall attach or use any appliance which will increase or decrease the pressure in the Company's lines intermittently to such extent as to interfere with continuous service to other customers.
8. **No Customer Shall Sell to Another.** The customer shall not supply or sell gas for use in any location other than that specified in the application for service.
9. **Access to Premises.** The Company and its authorized employees shall have free access at all reasonable times to all of the premises in which gas supplied by the Company is used or is to be used. Upon request, an employee shall identify him or herself, provide company photo identification, and state the reason for the visit.
10. **Customer's Responsibility.** Customer assumes all responsibility for property owned by the customer on customer's side of the point of delivery, generally the outlet side of the curb cock, or, if there is no curb cock, the property or lot line, for the service supplied or taken, as well as for the installation and appliances used in connection therewith, and will save Company harmless from and against all claims for injury or damage to persons or property occasioned by or in any way resulting from such service or the use thereof on customer's side of the point of delivery.
11. **Right-of-Way.** Customer, without reimbursement, will make or procure conveyance to Company of right-of-way satisfactory to it across the property owned or controlled by customer for Company's distribution mains, extensions thereof, or appurtenances necessary or incidental to the supplying of service to customer.
12. **Charges and Payment for Temporary Service.** In addition to regular payments for gas used, the customer shall pay the cost for all material, labor, and all other necessary expense incurred by the Company in supplying gas service to the customer at his request for any temporary purpose or use.

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- 13. Customer Indebted to Company.** Service will not be supplied to any premises, if at the time of application for service, the applicant is indebted to Company for service previously supplied at the same or other premises, until payment of such indebtedness or other arrangement satisfactory to the Company shall have been made. The Company shall follow the reconnection procedures established by Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901:1-18, and any subsequent amendments thereto, which section is incorporated herein by reference.
- 14. Customer Shall Satisfactorily Secure Account.** Company may require a residential customer to satisfactorily secure an account in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 4933.17 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901:1-17. In the event such security is required the procedures with respect thereto shall be in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4933.17 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901:1-17 and any subsequent amendments thereto, which sections are incorporated by reference herein. Copies of the statute and rule shall be made available for inspection upon the request or inquiry of any customer or applicant for service.
- Company may require a small commercial customer to satisfactorily secure an account in accordance with the provisions of Rule 4901:1-13-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 15. Right to Shut Off Gas.**
- A. The Company shall have the right to discontinue service for any of the following reasons or purposes:
- (1) Refusing access;
 - (2) Failure to furnish or maintain the required security deposit;
 - (3) Violation of any of these rules and regulations; or
 - (4) Pursuant to rules of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as amended from time to time.
- B. The Company shall have the right to discontinue service and the right to disconnect and remove from the premises of any customer the meter and any other property belonging to the Company for any of the following reasons or purposes:
- (1) Non-use of gas;
 - (2) Nonpayment of bills for gas when bills are due;
 - (3) Fraudulent representation or practice;
 - (4) Whenever deemed necessary by the Company for safety reasons.
- C. For residential customers, the Company shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 4901:1-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- D. For small commercial customers, the Company shall comply with the provisions of Rule 4901:1-13-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
- 16. Change of Address of Customer.** When customer changes his address he should give notice thereof to Company prior to the date of change. Customer is responsible for all service supplied to the vacated premises until such notice has been received and Company has had a reasonable time, but not less than three (3) days, to discontinue service.

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- 17. Information Relative to Service.** Information relative to the service that will be supplied at a given location should be obtained from Company. Company will not be responsible for mistakes of any kind resulting from information given orally or over the telephone. A full and complete copy of the Company's tariff covering rates and charges for service and terms and conditions of service is available for public inspection at each of the Company's business offices during normal business hours. The Company will provide a copy of the Customer Rights and Responsibilities handbook upon the request of the customer. The Company shall comply with the tariff disclosure requirements established by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and set forth in Section 4901:1-1-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code, as amended from time to time.

SECTION II - METERING AND BILLING

- 18. Quantity of Gas Delivered by Meter.** Gas will be measured by a meter installed by the Company, which shall be and remain the property of the Company. Subject to certain exceptions, enumerated below, consumption shall be determined on the basis of the meter registration and bills shall reflect the consumption so registered. Any mistake in reading the registration, however, shall not affect the liability for gas consumed as determined by a corrected reading of the registration.

Without prejudice to its providing metered service, where warranted, the Company may provide gas light service on a non-metered basis, using for billing purposes the approximate average consumption of such appliance at the rate applicable in the area. When the meter is not read, the Company may estimate the quantity of gas consumed and render a bill for such quantity.

A meter registering between three percent (3%) fast and three percent (3%) slow shall be deemed for all purposes to be registering correctly. A meter registering incorrectly shall be replaced by the Company at its expense.

During any period that incorrect registration can be established, the meter readings and bills based thereon shall be adjusted by the Company on the basis of all available information concerning the use of gas by the customer. If, as the result of such adjustment, overpayment or underpayment are shown to have occurred, the Company shall reimburse the customer in the amount of such overpayment and the customer shall pay the Company the amount of such underpayment. The Company shall continue to supply gas to the customer and the customer shall continue to pay the amounts billed pending the adjustment.

The Company shall test the meter, at the request of the customer, in accordance with Section 4933.09 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4901:1-13-04 (D) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The customer or the customer's representative may request to be present when the meter test is performed. If the meter is found to be correct, as above defined, the customer shall pay a fee of twenty-five cents (25¢) and the expense of removing it for the purpose of being tested.

- 19. Back Billing.** The Company's policy on back billing shall comply with the Orders of the Public Utilities Commission, Section 4933.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 4901:1-13-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code, as amended from time to time.
- 20. Billing Periods.** Bills ordinarily are rendered regularly at monthly intervals, but may be rendered more or less frequently at Company's option. Non-receipt of bills by customer does not release or diminish the obligation of customer with respect to payment thereof.

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Meters are ordinarily read at bimonthly intervals but readings may be made more or less frequently at Company's option. The Company must perform at least one actual meter reading on an annual basis contingent upon Customer's compliance with Company access to premise requirements.

If the customer has refused the Company access to its meter or other property, or if the Company has been unable to obtain an actual meter reading at least once within any twelve-month period, the Company may terminate service in accordance with Rule 15 of these Rules and Regulations.

21. Payment of Bills. Bills may be paid by the customer in any of the following ways:

- (a) to any one of the Company's authorized collecting agents during the regular office hours of such agent,
- (b) by bank draft automated withdrawal from customer's bank account,
- (c) by U.S. mail to the address specified on the bill,
- (d) by credit/debit card or electronic check through a participating agency, and
- (e) any other options acceptable to the Company.

Any remittance received by mail at any office of the Company bearing U.S. Postal Office cancellation date corresponding with or previous to the last date of the net payment period will be accepted by the Company as within the net payment period.

22. Removal By, and Change in Financial Status of Customer. At the option of the Company, the Company shall have the right to shut off the gas and to remove its property from the customer's premises and the Company shall have the further right, independent of or concurrent with the right to shut off, to demand immediate payment for all gas theretofore delivered to the customer and not paid for, which amount shall become due and payable immediately upon such demand, when the customer vacates the premises, becomes bankrupt or a receiver, trustee, guardian, or conservator is appointed for the assets of the customer, or the customer makes assignment for the benefit of creditors.

23. Bill Format and Billing Procedure. The Company's policy on bill format and billing procedure shall comply with Sections 4901:1-13-11 and 4901:1-29-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code as amended from time to time.

SECTION III - PHYSICAL PROPERTY

24. Service Lines. The general term "service pipe" or "service line" is commonly used to designate the complete line or connection between the Company main up to and including the meter connection. It consists of two distinct parts, (a) the service line connection, and (b) the customer service line.

(a) **Service Line Connection.** The service line connection consists of the connection at the main, necessary pipe and appurtenances to extend to the property line or the curb cock location, curb cock and curb box. This connection shall be made by the Company, or its representative, without cost to the customer and it remains the property of the Company.

(b) **Customer Service Line.** The customer service line consists of the pipe from the outlet of the curb cock or, if there is no curb cock, from the property or lot line, to and including the meter connection. The customer shall own

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and maintain the customer service line. The Company shall have the right to prescribe the size, location and termination points of the customer's service line. The Company shall have no obligation to install, maintain or repair said customer service line.

- 25. Pressure Regulators.** Where service is provided from intermediate or medium pressure distribution lines, the Company shall furnish the necessary regulator or regulators, which regulator or regulators shall remain the property of the Company.

Where service is provided from a high pressure transmission line, the customer shall, at his expense, provide, install and maintain a suitable regulator or regulators for reducing the pressure. The regulator or regulators shall be installed in the manner required by the Company.

The customer shall install and maintain, at his expense, substantial housing acceptable to the Company in size and design for the regulator or regulators and the meter in order to protect them from the weather and molestation.

If it becomes necessary to construct, operate, and maintain a heater on the inlet side of the high pressure regulator to maintain satisfactory operation of the regulator or regulators, the gas used in such heater shall be at the expense of the customer and shall be taken from the outlet side of meter serving the customer.

- 26. Meter Furnished.** The Company will furnish each customer with a meter of such size and type as the Company may determine will adequately serve the customer's requirements and such meter shall be and remain the property of the Company and the Company shall have the right to replace it as the Company may deem it necessary.

- 27. Meter Location.** The Company shall determine the location of the meter. When changes in a building or arrangements therein render the meter inaccessible or exposed to hazards, the Company may require the customer, at the customer's expense, to relocate the meter setting together with any portion of the customer's service line necessary to accomplish such relocation.

- 28. Only Company Can Connect Meter.** The owner or customer shall not permit anyone who is not authorized agent of the Company to connect or disconnect the Company's meters, regulators, or gauges, or in any way alter or interfere with the Company's meters, regulators or gauges.

- 29. House Piping.** The customer shall own and maintain the house piping from the outlet of the meter to gas burning appliances. The Company shall have no obligation to install, maintain or repair said piping.

- 30. Appliances.** The customer shall own and maintain all gas-burning appliances. The Company shall have no obligation to install, maintain, or repair appliances.

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- 31. Standards for Customer's Property.** The customer's service line, house lines, fittings, valve connections and appliance venting shall be installed with materials and workmanship which meet the reasonable requirements of the Company. Prior to initial establishment of service the gas piping downstream of the meter must be inspected, either by a local building code authority or other appropriate governmental entity, by a person specifically authorized by such authority or entity to conduct such inspections, or by the Company if no such authority, entity or person conducts such inspections. In addition, prior to the establishment or reestablishment of gas service, the gas piping downstream of the meter must be tested by the Company, or its representative, in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-13-05(A)(3) of the Ohio Administrative Code to determine that no leaks exist.

The first inspection or test at any premises, including both service lines and house lines, shall be without charge. In the case of leak, error, patent defect or other unsatisfactory condition resulting in the disapproval of the line by the Company, the necessary correction shall be made at the customer's expense and then the lines will be inspected and tested again in accordance with Chapter 4901:1-13-05(A)(3) of the Ohio Administrative Code. Each additional inspection or test, when required after correction, shall be subject to a charge covering the cost thereof.

- 32. Discontinuance of Supply on Notice of Defect in Customer's Property.** If the customer's service line, other gas lines, fittings, valves, connections, gas appliances or equipment on a customer's premises are defective or in such condition as to constitute a hazard, the Company, upon notice to it of such defect or condition, may discontinue the supply of gas to such appliances or equipment or to such service line or such other gas lines until such defect or condition has been rectified by the customer in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the Company.
- 33. No Responsibility for Material or Workmanship.** The Company is not responsible for maintenance of, or any imperfect material or defective or faulty workmanship in, the customer's service line, house lines, fittings, valve connections, equipment or appliances and is not responsible for any loss or damage arising from inadequate or improper maintenance or from imperfect material or defective or faulty workmanship.
- 34. Inspection of Altered Piping.** It shall be the duty of the customer to notify the Company promptly of any additions, changes, alterations, remodeling or reconstruction affecting gas piping on the customer's premises.
- 35. Extension of Distribution Mains.** For the purposes of this provision applicants for domestic service shall be divided into classes, as follows:

An applicant who will utilize gas as the major source of energy for air conditioning and space heating and for base load such as water heating, cooking, refrigeration, incineration or drying (hereinafter referred to as a "Class 1 Applicant"); and

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In no case shall the total of refunds exceed the amount deposited for the extension. Deposits will not draw interest. All extensions shall be the property of the Company.

The Company shall have no obligation to make any extensions during the months of December, January, February, or March.

Where a main extension is deemed economically justified at the Company's expense, based upon a cost-benefit study, no deposit shall be required.

SECTION IV - GENERAL

36. OBLIGATION TO SERVE

A. Core Market. The Company is obligated to serve on a firm service basis; (1) 100 percent of Residential customers, (2) 100 percent of the remaining Human Needs customers and (3) 100 percent of the remaining Firm Service customers. Together the above customers constitute the Company's "Core Market".

(1) **Human Needs Customer.** The category "Human Needs" includes any service account where the use of natural gas is for space heating of a permanent residence or for use by a governmental agency or public service organization which provides emergency or life support services. Human needs customers shall include hospitals, nursing homes, and residential correctional institutions, but shall exclude hotels and motels.

(2) **Remaining Firm Service Customers.** This category includes all Non-Residential and Human Needs customers that require Full Requirements Service except for transportation customers who have elected transportation service as of June 3, 1994. All Non-Residential customers using less than 2,000 Mcf per year must be classified as Remaining Firm Service. Customers on this service can choose either firm sales or firm transportation service.

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- B. Non-Core Market.** The Company's Non-Core Market includes all customers taking transportation service that do not require 100 percent firm service.
- C. Annual Sales Election.** Effective January 27, 1995 Customers may only elect to change from sales to transportation service on an annual basis. Notification of a change of service must be provided to Company no later than January 2 with service effective the following April 1. Sales customers may elect to join customer groups between elections. Customer must execute a Service Agreement with the Company in order to receive transportation service. Transportation customers who elect to return to sales service are subject to the Terms and Conditions of Part 60, Obligation to Serve Following Termination of Transportation Agreement.
- 36a.** These Rules and Regulations are subject to and include as part thereof all orders, rules and regulations applicable to the Company from time to time issued or established by The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio under its emergency powers.
- 37.** The Company reserves the right to modify, alter or amend the foregoing Rules and Regulations and to make such further and other rules and regulations as experience may suggest and as the Company may deem necessary or convenient in the conduct of its business.

Approval of the above tariff language by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio does not constitute a determination by the Commission that the limitation of liability imposed by the Company should be upheld in a court of law. Approval by the Commission merely recognizes that since it is a court's responsibility to adjudicate negligence and consequent damage claims, it is also the court's responsibility to determine the validity of the exculpatory clause.

38. Termination Procedure For Nonpayment.

(a) Residential Termination Procedure For Nonpayment. The Company shall follow the termination procedure established in Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901:1-18, and any subsequent amendments thereto, which section is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Small Commercial Termination Procedure For Nonpayment. The Company shall follow the termination procedure established in Rule 4901:1-13-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Copies of these rules shall be made available for inspection upon the request or inquiry of any customer or applicant for service.

(c) Advance Notice of Disconnection or Termination of Service. If a Property Owner/Rental Agent requests disconnection of service and there are remaining tenants at the premises, the Company is required to notify the tenants of the intended disconnection of service. This notification will be posted in a conspicuous place at the premises at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled date for disconnection of service. The Property Owner/Rental Agent shall be liable for all gas consumed during the notice period.

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If a tenant requests disconnection of service or if service is to be terminated for non-payment, the Company, upon the request of the Property Owner/Rental Agent, shall notify the Property Owner/Rental Agent of the pending disconnection or termination of service. This notification will be made at least 3 working days prior to the scheduled date for disconnection or termination of service. The tenant shall be liable for all gas consumed during the notice period.

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