

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Gas)
of Ohio, Inc., for Approval of a Demand) Case No. 08-833-GA-UNC
Side Management Program for Residential)
and Commercial Customers.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On January 23, 2008, the Commission approved a joint stipulation in Case No. 05-221-GA-GCR *et al.* As part of that stipulation, the parties agreed that Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Columbia) would file a demand side management (DSM) application, cooperatively developed by Columbia, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), Commission Staff, and other stakeholders. The stipulation also established a DSM funding target of up to one percent of Columbia's jurisdictional revenues by 2011. Under the stipulation, program funding could be increased by up to an additional \$1 million per year in 2010 and 2011, provided energy efficiency targets are met. The stipulation also required that Columbia apply for approval of its DSM programs by no later than July 1, 2008.
- (2) On March 3, 2008, Columbia filed an Application for Authority to Increase Rates for Gas Distribution Service and for Approval of an Alternative Regulation Plan in Case No. 08-72-GA-AIR *et al.* (rate case). As part of its alternative regulation plan, Columbia requests approval of a proposed Rider DSM to recover costs associated with the development and implementation of the programs stemming from the stakeholder process described above.
- (3) On July 1, 2008, Columbia filed an application in the above-captioned proceeding (DSM case) for Commission approval of the specific DSM programs that were developed by the stakeholder group and that Columbia proposes to implement. Based upon the results of the stakeholder group discussions, Columbia is proposing that the following DSM programs be implemented:

Residential Programs

- Home Performance Program

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- Low Cost Product Rebates
- New Homes Program
- WarmChoice®
- Furnace Market Research

Commercial Programs

- Small Business Energy Efficiency Incentives
- Small Business Energy Saver Audits
- Advanced Energy Design Partnership
- Innovative Technology Program

Financing Program

- Energy Efficiency Loan Fund

- (4) On July 1, 2008 Columbia filed a motion in the rate case to take administrative notice of the docket in the DSM case.
- (5) On July 9, 2008, OCC filed a letter in support of Columbia's application in the DSM case. Also on July 9, 2008, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) filed a motion to intervene in the DSM case, a memorandum in support of its motion, and a motion to practice *pro hac vice* before the Commission. The Commission finds that OPAE's motions are reasonable and that they should be granted.
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the DSM case application and finds the request for approval of the DSM programs listed above is reasonable and in the public interest and should be approved. Columbia is authorized to implement those programs, subject to approval of the DSM cost recovery rider proposed in the rate case. This approval is also contingent upon any additional conditions that may be imposed in the rate case.

It is, therefore

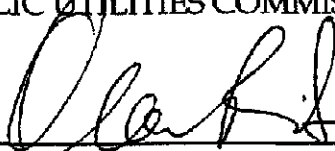
ORDERED, That Columbia's application for approval to implement the DSM programs be approved. *It is, further,*

ORDERED, That OPAC's motion for intervention be granted. *It is, further,*

ORDERED, That OPAC's motion to admit David C. Rinebolt to practice *pro hac vice* before the Commission be granted. *It is, further,*

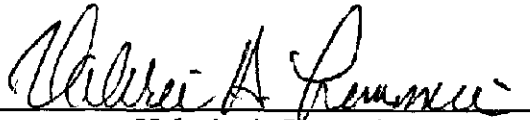
ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

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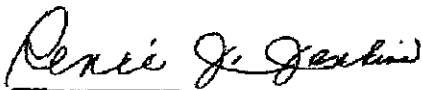
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