

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Amend)	Case No. 08-72-GA-AIR
Filed Tariffs to Increase the Rates and Charges)	
for Gas Distribution)	

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative)	Case No. 08-73-GA-ALT
Form of Regulation and for a Change in its Rates)	
and Charges.)	

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change)	Case No. 08-74-GA-AAM
Accounting Methods.)	

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Revise its)	Case No. 08-75-GA-AAM
Depreciation Accrual Rates)	

**OBJECTIONS OF STAND ENERGY CORPORATION
TO THE STAFF REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**

In accordance with the Attorney Examiner's August 28, 2008 Entry, and pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4901-1-28 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Stand Energy Corporation ("Stand Energy"), hereby submits its objections to the August 21, 2008 Staff Report on the applications filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. in these cases.

Stand Energy's singular objection is not a waiver of its right to conduct cross-examination, introduce evidence into the record, present testimony, and/or take a position on all matters at issue in these proceedings.

OBJECTION

Stand Energy makes the following objections to the Staff Report of Investigation filed on August 21, 2008:

1. Stand Energy objects to the increases in rates proposed by Columbia and recommended by Staff for large general service transportation customers (LGTS). (Staff Report pgs 23-24). Specifically, Stand Energy objects to the proposed \$650.00/month customer charge where currently there is no customer charge other than a minimum usage charge. The current minimum usage charge is for the delivery of 1500 mcf/month whether the customer uses that amount or not. At \$0.4614/mcf this is about a \$692.00 charge. Customers using over 1500 mcf/month are not affected. In this case Columbia is proposing to charge a \$650.00 per month customer charge to that same customer that is using at least 1500 mcf/month but only a slight decrease in their volumetric charge. The Staff is recommending an even higher customer charge of \$700 for LGTS customers. Below is the financial impact on customers using 2,000 mcf/month.

- Current Charges: \$1,92616
- Columbia Proposal: \$2,658.86 (49.8% increase)
- PUCO Staff Recommendation: \$2,743.37 (55.1% increase).

2. Stand Energy objects to any further changes in the Staff's position regarding large general service transportation customer rates that may arise in this proceeding for any reason, and reserves the right to file in response to any such changes in the Staff's position.

STATEMENT OF MAJOR ISSUES

Pursuant to ORC 4903.083 and the Attorney Examiner's August 28, 2008 Entry herein, Stand Energy hereby sets forth the following as a major issue in this proceeding:

1. Rates and Charges on Large Volume Transportation Service (LGTS) Customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of Stand Energy Corporation's Objections to Staff Report of Investigation was served upon the following parties of record via ordinary U.S. Mail postage prepaid, or by e-mail, where applicable this 26th day of September, 2008.

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