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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for)
Authority to Abandon Service to)
One Premise, Pursuant)
To Ohio Revised Code Sections)
4905.20 and 4905.21.)

Case No. 08- 1119 -GA-ABN

APPLICATION OF
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.
FOR AUTHORITY TO ABANDON SERVICE
TO ONE PREMISE

Now comes the Applicant, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (hereinafter "Columbia" or "Applicant"), and files its application, pursuant to Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21 of the Revised Code, for authority to abandon retail natural gas service to one premise. In support of its application, Columbia states that :

1. Columbia is a natural gas company and public utility within the meaning of Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03 (A)(6) of the Revised Code, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
2. Columbia has provided retail natural gas service to the premise in question through Line No. 34504007. Line No. 34504007 is a 2125 foot distribution pipeline located in Knox County, Ohio.
3. Line No. 34504007 is currently in poor condition and is subject to excessive leakage.

In view of the leak repair history and current condition of the line, Columbia

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concluded that an ordinary maintenance and repair program would not resolve the issues regarding pipeline integrity and that replacement of the line was not economically feasible, as it would cost in excess of \$42,000.00 (Forty-Two Thousand Dollars) to replace.

4. The existing Columbia customers, Carol and Terry Maxwell, with a premise located at 1140 Colville Road, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, have entered into an Agreement with Columbia for alternative fuel. Pursuant to the Agreement, Columbia provided the customer with monetary assistance in the amount of \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) to convert to an alternative fuel in place of the existing natural gas service. Columbia therefore seeks authority to abandon the existing natural gas service. A map showing the location of Line No. 34504007, as well as the location of the premise in question, is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof.
5. In view of the fact that: (1) it is not economically feasible to continue providing natural gas service to the subject premise by maintaining Columbia's distribution facilities; (2) the affected customers have already been reimbursed to allow conversion to the use of an alternate fuel; and (3) the property owners have expressly consented to the proposed abandonment of service from Columbia, Columbia submits that said abandonment is reasonable, having due regard for the welfare of the public and the cost of operating the service and related facilities.

WHEREFORE, Columbia respectfully asks that the Commission authorize the abandonment of retail natural gas service to the premise listed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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