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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for Approval)
of a General Exemption of Certain Natural)
Gas Commodity Sales Services or)
Ancillary Services.)

Case No. 08-1344-GA-EXM

JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY
THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the Ohio Gas Marketers Group, Staff of the Commission, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Dominion Retail, DTE Energy Trading, Honda of America Mfg., Inc., National Energy Marketers, Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Energy Group, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Ohio Schools Council, ProLiance Energy, Stand Energy Corporation, and Wal-Mart (hereinafter Movants) hereby respectfully request that the remaining dates on the procedural schedule for this matter be continued for two weeks. Specifically, the Movants request that the deadline for the filing of intervenors' and Staff's direct testimony be extended from August 20, 2009, until September 3, 2009 and that the evidentiary hearing be continued from the current schedule date of September 14, 2009 until September 28, 2009. The purpose for the two week continuance is to permit the parties to focus their time and efforts on ongoing settlement discussions.

No party objects to these modifications.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On Wednesday August 8, 2009 all active parties of record met at the offices of the Commission for a settlement conference with a bridge telephone line to permit out-of-state intervenors to fully participate. While many outstanding issues remain, it is the consensus of the parties to this Joint Motion that the prospect of settlement is sufficient to merit devoting additional time to those efforts. Settlement negotiations, however, require many of the same personnel now committed to depositions scheduled for next week.

Rule 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code permits extensions for good cause shown. An extension of two weeks to allow the parties to determine if an equitable settlement can be reached, or, if some or all of the issues can be narrowed, constitutes good cause. For the above reasons, the [Supporting Parties] request that the deadline for filing direct testimony by intervenors and the Staff be extended until September 3, 2009, and that the hearing be continued from the current scheduled date of September 14, 2009 to September 28, 2009.

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