

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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| In the Matter of the Complaint of |) | |
| Juanita M. Thompson, |) | |
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| Complainant, |) | |
| |) | |
| v. |) | Case No. 99-600-GA-CSS |
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| Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. |) | |
| |) | |
| Respondent, |) | |
| |) | |
| Relative to an Alleged Unjust and |) | |
| Unreasonable Billing for Gas Service. |) | |

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) A hearing was convened in this case on October 19, 1999.
- (2) At the hearing, the complainant, Juanita Thompson, stated that she had, or could obtain, specific cancelled checks showing payments of various gas bills to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia Gas). Complainant, however, stated that she had either forgotten to bring the cancelled checks to the hearing room, or had not yet been able to obtain the cancelled checks from an out-of-state bank. The cancelled checks in question were specifically noted in the case record.
- (3) At the conclusion of the October 19, 1999 hearing, the parties agreed that briefs in the case would be submitted on December 2, 1999. Further, the Attorney Examiner ruled that the case record would be kept open, until November 18, 1999, in order to give the complainant more time to submit the cancelled checks in question. As part of that ruling, the Attorney Examiner held that, if the complainant does submit the specifically-noted cancelled checks, Columbia Gas may, if it so chooses, file a motion to reopen the hearing for the limited purpose of conducting cross examination with regard to those cancelled checks. In the event the hearing is reopened, the December 2, 1999 date for the submission of briefs will be rescheduled to another date agreed upon by the parties. In the event complainant does

not file the specifically-noted checks by November 18, 1999, or the hearing is not reopened, the record in this proceeding will be considered closed on November 18, 1999, and the submission of briefs will proceed as scheduled on December 2, 1999.


It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That this case proceed under the conditions set forth in Finding (3).
It is, further,

ORDERED, That complainant submit the cancelled checks in question in this matter by November 18, 1999. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record.

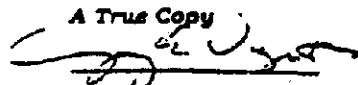
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