

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) At hearing on October 19, 1999, and by entry dated November 3, 1999, complainant was directed to file specific, alleged cancelled checks by November 18, 1999.
- (2) Per motion filed November 17, 1999, complainant requested an extension of time of seven days in which to file the cancelled checks in question. In support of the request, complainant stated that her out-of-state bank requires additional time to provide her with the cancelled checks.
- (3) On November 23, 1999, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) filed a memorandum in opposition to complainant's motion for an extension of time. In the memorandum, Columbia argues that, on June 11, 1999, during the discovery phase of this case, it had requested, but had never received, copies of complainant's cancelled checks. Columbia argues that complainant has already been afforded a one-month post-hearing grace period in which to produce the cancelled checks, but has not done so; and there is no reason why complainant should be given addition time. Further, Columbia argues that, according to complainant's testimony, complainant should already be possessed of 12 of the 14 missing cancelled checks enumerated at hearing. Thus, the situation with complainant's bank, as described in her motion, for an extension of time, provides no good cause for

her failure to furnish the checks which are claimed to be in her possession.

Columbia also argues that, because of the schedule of its counsel and the intervening Thanksgiving Day holiday there will not be adequate time to review complainant's filing and formulate arguments, or request that the hearing be reopened, and still comply with the case procedure established in this matter.

- (4) Complainant's request for a extension of time to file the cancelled checks in question is reasonable and should be granted. The Attorney Examiner does not believe the extension of time will be prejudicial to the interests of Columbia.
- (5) Because of the intervening Thanksgiving Day holiday, the time period for filing the cancelled checks in question will be extended until November 26, 1999. Further, the date for the submission of briefs will be extended to December 9, 1999. As set forth in the November 3, 1999 entry in this matter, in the event Columbia requests that the hearing be reopened, the briefing schedule will be reestablished to a date to be set by subsequent entry.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the deadline for the complainant to submit the alleged cancelled checks, which were specified at hearing, be extended to November 26, 1999. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the briefing schedule in this matter be extended in accordance with Finding (5). It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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