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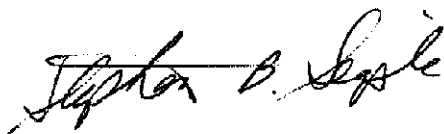
Ms. Renee J. Jenkins
Director of Administration
Docketing Department
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: Continuation of Special Emergency Assistance Program
PUCO Case No. 03-2271-GA-AEC**

Dear Ms. Jenkins,

In compliance with the Commission's Order in Case No. 03-2271-GA-AEC, dated November 25, 2003, Columbia herewith files its annual report of receipts and disbursements from the Special Emergency Assistance Program operated by Columbia Gas of Ohio and Citizens Energy Corporation, for the program years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009.

Sincerely,



Stephen B. Seiple
Assistant General Counsel
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

Enclosures

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**FINAL REPORT OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.
TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
OF THE COLUMBIA/CITIZENS ENERGY
2008-2009 EMERGENCY FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

This report summarizes the activity for the 2008-2009 program year through June 30, 2009. Attachments hereto trace the funds generated from Citizens Energy to the Salvation Army (the contracted "Provider"), to the Columbia customers eligible for assistance (see Attachments 1 and 2).

Also included are new summaries for the 2007 – 2008 program year updated to track last year's carryover balance through April 2008 year when that fund was fully distributed.

FUND SUMMARY

The undistributed balance from the 2007 – 2008 program was utilized by April 30, 2009 completing the 2007 – 2008 program (see Attachment 2). New funds for the 2008 – 2009 program were generated by March 31, 2009. Funds distributed through April 30, 2009 totaled \$791,603, leaving an undistributed balance after overheads of \$22,408. These funds will be distributed in the upcoming heating season. This year's fund, totaling \$897,450, reflected in Column 8, Attachment 1, was calculated by applying 80% of the difference between Columbia's gas cost and Citizens' market purchase price to generate the fund level specified in the purchase agreement.

Program Effectiveness - Distribution of Funds

When all funds for the 2007 - 2008 program were fully distributed as of April 30, 2009, over 3,631 eligible households had received assistance.

Both Citizens Energy and Columbia are pleased to see that the Ohio assistance fund has been effective in helping so many needy families.

Distribution of the fund for the 2008-2009 program for May and June 2009 reached a total of 135 eligible households that received grants.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
 Summary of Emergency Assistance Fund Program
 Citizens Energy Corporation

	Vols. Del. by CEC DTH (1)	Net Cost of Vols. Delivered \$ (2)	Volume Tariff Cost \$ (3)	Net Funds Provided CEC for EAF \$ (4=3-2)	COH 80% Margin \$ (5)	Less Overheads for CEC \$ (6)	Plus Accrued Interest \$ (7)	Cumulative Funds Available for Provider \$ (8)
Summary 2007-2008 Contract Yr. Activity								
Conclusion of 2007-2008 Contract Year	541,963	3,842,920	5,005,416.87	1,162,496.67	930,000.00	32,550.00	0.00	897,450.00
Summary 2007-2008 Contract Yr. Activity								
August 2008	291,188	2,826,591.03	3,989,083.09	1,162,492.06	930,000.00	32,550.00	0.00	897,450.00
Total	<u>291,188</u>	<u>2,826,591.03</u>	<u>3,989,083.09</u>	<u>1,162,492.06</u>	<u>930,000.00</u>	<u>32,550.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>897,450.00</u>

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
Summary of Emergency Assistance Fund Program
With Citizens Energy Corporation

	Funds Received By Provider \$ (1)	Plus Accrued Interest \$ (2)	Less Payments by Provider \$ (3)	Less Provider Overhead \$ (4)	YTD Balance of Fund \$ (5)	Cumulative Ending Fund Balance \$ (6)
Under/(Over) Distributed Beginning Balance						
March 2008	-	-	350	35	(385)	224,859
April	887,450	-	175	18	887,267	224,474
TOTALS THROUGH APRIL 2008	887,450	-	525	53	896,872	1,121,731
May	-	-	5,291	529	(5,820)	1,115,911
June	-	-	239,116	25,924	(265,040)	850,871
July	-	-	295,559	31,842	(327,401)	523,470
August	-	-	110,563	11,056	(121,619)	401,851
September	-	-	83,622	8,362	(91,984)	309,866
October	-	-	48,829	4,883	(53,712)	256,154
November	-	-	1,154	115	(1,270)	254,884
December	-	-	768	77	(845)	254,039
January 2009	-	-	1,395	140	(1,535)	252,504
February	-	-	600	40	(640)	251,864
March	-	-	370	37	(407)	251,457
April	887,450	-	4,335	434	882,681	1,144,139
TOTALS THROUGH APRIL 2009	887,450	-	791,603	83,439	22,408	1,144,139
May	-	-	12,374	1,237	(13,611)	1,130,528
June	-	-	14,036	1,404	(15,440)	1,115,088