## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of	)
Knox Energy Cooperative Association,	)
Inc.,	)
Complainant,	) ) Case No. 09-967-GA-CSS
v.	)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.,	) ) )
Respondent.	)
•	ENTRY

## The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On October 16, 2009, Knox Energy Cooperative Association, Inc. (Knox) filed a complaint against Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Columbia), as well as a request for emergency relief to enforce Columbia's tariff and prevent injury to the public. Knox's complaint asserts seven claims relating to a proposed agreement between Knox and Columbia for natural gas transportation service under Columbia's full requirements cooperative transportation service (FRCTS) tariff.
- (2) The attorney examiner finds that this matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference, in order to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. Accordingly, a settlement conference shall be scheduled for November 3, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, legal conference room, 1246, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (3) An attorney examiner from the Commission's legal department will facilitate the settlement discussion. The parties should bring all relevant documents with them to the conference and, if the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the settlement conference, be prepared to address procedural issues and the schedule in this case.

- (4) In accordance with Rule 4901-1-26(E), Ohio Administrative Code, any statements made in an attempt to settle this matter without the need for an evidentiary hearing will not generally be admissible to prove liability or invalidity of a claim.
- (5) Nothing prohibits any party from initiating settlement negotiations prior to the scheduled settlement conference.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, in accordance with finding (2), this matter be scheduled for a conference on November 3, 2009, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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