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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Jon A. Olivito)
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Complainant,)
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v.)
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Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.)
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Respondent.)

Case No. 09-1841-GA-CSS

ANSWER
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

Now comes the Respondent, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia"), and files its Answer to the Complaint filed herein on November 20, 2009.

1. Columbia generally denies all of the allegations contained in the Complaint.

Affirmative Defenses

2. Columbia avers that Complainant has failed to state reasonable grounds for a complaint against Columbia as required by Ohio Revised Code § 4905.26.
3. The relief sought by Complainant is \$3000 for damage to his lawn and "tens of thousands of dollars" to repair his teeth. Thus, Complainant is seeking monetary damages by the Commission in this proceeding, which the Commission is unable to grant.
4. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio lacks jurisdiction over this matter.
5. Columbia avers that it has complied with all applicable Ohio Statutes, the Commission's Rules and Regulations and Columbia's Tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 10th day of December, 2009, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing *Answer of Columbia Gas Inc.* was served by ordinary U.S. mail, postage prepaid, upon Mr. Jon Olivito at the address below:

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