

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Regulation :  
of the Purchased Gas Adjustment :  
Clauses Contained Within the : Case No.  
Rate Schedules of Columbia Gas : 08-221-GA-GCR  
of Ohio, Inc. and Related :  
Matters. :

In the Matter of the Long-Term :  
Forecast Report of Columbia : Case No.  
Gas of Ohio, Inc. and Related : 07-121-GA-FOR  
Matters. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Gregory A. Price, Hearing Examiner, at the  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad  
Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:03 a.m.  
on Thursday, February 11, 2010.

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1 Thursday Morning Session,  
2 February 11, 2010.

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4 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Let's go on the  
5 record. Good morning. The Public Utilities Commission  
6 has set for hearing at this time and this place Case  
7 No. 08-221-GA-GCR in the Matter of the Regulation of  
8 the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause Contained Within  
9 the Rate Schedules of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. and  
10 Related Matters, and Case No. 07-121-GA-FOR in the  
11 Matter of the Long-Term Forecast Report of Columbia Gas  
12 of Ohio, Inc. and Related Matters. My name is Gregory  
13 Price. I'm the Attorney Examiner assigned to preside  
14 at today's hearing.

15 Since we've had a lengthy recess, let's take  
16 the appearances of the parties here today, starting  
17 with the Company.

18 MR. SEIPLE: On behalf of Columbia Gas of  
19 Ohio, Inc., I'd like to enter the appearances of  
20 Stephen B. Seiple and Brooke Leslie, 200 Civic Center  
21 Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

22 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

23 Mr. Sauer.

24 MR. SAUER: Thank you, Your Honor. On behalf  
25 of the residential consumers of Columbia Gas of Ohio,

1 Janine Migden-Ostrander, Consumers' Counsel, Larry S.  
2 Sauer and Joseph P. Serio, 10 West Broad Street,  
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

4 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Staff.

5 MR. REILLY: Thank you, Your Honor. On  
6 behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission,  
7 Richard Cordray, Attorney General, Duane Luckey,  
8 Section Chief, Steve Reilly and John Jones, Assistant  
9 Attorney Generals, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus,  
10 Ohio 43215.

11 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you. Do we  
12 have any preliminary matters to discuss before we take  
13 our witnesses today?

14 MR. REILLY: Your Honor, we have one. Staff  
15 would like to -- as the Bench might remember, there was  
16 a revision, certain revisions filed by the consulting  
17 group, Liberty, to the two Commission-Ordered --  
18 Commission-Ordered Exhibit 2, which was the Management  
19 Performance Audit in this case. I would like to mark  
20 those revisions as Commission-Ordered Exhibit 3 and  
21 move their admission into evidence. I've already  
22 provided a copy to the court reporter. I can provide a  
23 copy to the Bench, if you'd like.

24 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Please.

25 MR. REILLY: These were docketed on

1 March 23rd, 2009, in this case. We would move their  
2 admission into evidence and all Commission-ordered  
3 exhibits and Staff-offered exhibits -- I don't think  
4 there were any Staff-offered exhibits into evidence.

5 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: No, and I believe  
6 you admitted the other Commission-ordered exhibits.

7 MR. REILLY: I believe so.

8 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Any objection to the  
9 admission of Commission-Ordered Exhibit 3?

10 MR. SEIPLE: No objection.

11 MR. SAUER: No objection.

12 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Hearing none, it  
13 will be admitted.

14 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

15 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Mr. Seiple, do you  
16 want to admit those documents now?

17 MR. SEIPLE: Yes. I have a number of  
18 exhibits that we need to have marked for identification  
19 and then for admission. The first is the actual Joint  
20 Stipulation and Recommendation that was filed in this  
21 case. I'd like to have that marked as Joint Exhibit  
22 No. 1.

23 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: So marked.

24 MR. SEIPLE: Then for the Company exhibits,  
25 I'd like to have marked for identification Columbia

1 Exhibit No. 1 a list of all of our exhibits. That has  
2 not been docketed, and we will pass that out to all the  
3 parties and the Bench at this time. I would note that  
4 I did supply the court reporter with copies of all the  
5 Company exhibits.

6 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: So marked.

7 MR. SEIPLE: I'm going to go through the list  
8 of the exhibits here I'd like to have marked for  
9 identification. Columbia Exhibit 2A is the Proof of  
10 Legal Notice in Case No. 07-121-GA-FOR; as 2B, Proof of  
11 Legal Notice in Case No. 08-221-GA-GCR; Exhibit No. 2C,  
12 Supplemental Proof of Legal Notice in Case No.  
13 08-221-GA-GCR; Exhibit No. 3, the Prepared Direct  
14 Testimony of Michael D. Anderson; Columbia Exhibit No.  
15 4, the Prepared Direct Testimony of J. Michael Ripley;  
16 No. 5, the Prepared Direct Testimony of Scott D.  
17 Phelps; No. 6, Prepared Direct Testimony of Larry W.  
18 Martin; No. 7, the Prepared Direct Testimony of Doug  
19 Nusbaum; No. 8, the Prepared Direct Testimony of Thomas  
20 J. Brown, Jr.; No. 9, Columbia's 2007 Long-Term  
21 Forecast Report. Then, at this point, I'd like to call  
22 Mr. Creekmur to the stand after those have all been  
23 marked.

24 HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Those exhibits will  
25 all be marked as requested by Columbia.

1                   Mr. Creekmur.

2                   DANIEL A. CREEKMUR, ESQ.,  
3           being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was  
4           examined and testified as follows:

5                   HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Please be seated,  
6           and state your name and business address for the  
7           record.

8                   THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. Daniel  
9           A. Creekmur of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Incorporated, 200  
10          Civic Center Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

11                   HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

12                   Mr. Seiple.

13                   MR. SEIPLE: Yesterday, February 10th, Mr.  
14          Creekmur did file Direct Testimony in support of the  
15          Stipulation in this case. I'd like to have that  
16          testimony marked for identification as Columbia Exhibit  
17          No. 10.

18                   HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: So marked.

19                   DIRECT EXAMINATION

20          By Mr. Seiple:

21                  Q. Mr. Creekmur, do you have a copy of that  
22          Direct Testimony with you today?

23                  A. I do.

24                  Q. If I were to ask you the questions contained  
25          therein, would your answers be the same today?



1           A.     They would.

2           Q.     Do you have any corrections to this prefiled  
3 testimony?

4           A.     I do not.

5           MR. SEIPLE: I'd like to make Mr. Creekmur  
6 available for cross-examination.

7           HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Mr. Sauer.

8           MR. SAUER: No questions, Your Honor.

9           HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Mr. Reilly.

10          MR. REILLY: No questions, Your Honor.

11          HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: I don't have any  
12 questions. You're excused. Thank you.

13          THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

14          (Witness excused.)

15          MR. SEIPLE: I would like to, therefore, move  
16 for the admission of Joint Exhibit No. 1 as well as the  
17 admission of all of the Columbia exhibits, Nos. 1  
18 through 10.

19          HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Any objection to the  
20 admission of Joint Exhibit 1 and Columbia Exhibits 1  
21 through 10?

22          MR. REILLY: No objection.

23          HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Seeing none, those  
24 exhibits will be admitted.

25          (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

1           HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Any other matters to  
2 come before the Bench?

3           MR. SEIPLE: I don't believe so.

4           HEARING EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you. Then  
5 this case will be submitted to the Commission on the  
6 record, and we are adjourned. Thank you all.

7           (Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at  
8 10:10 a.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken  
by me in this matter on Thursday, February 11, 2010,  
and carefully compared with my original stenographic  
notes.

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Valerie J. Sloas, Registered  
Professional Reporter and Notary  
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Ohio.

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