

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Annual Application of :
Columbia Gas of Ohio, :
Inc., for an Adjustment to: Case No. 09-1036-GA-RDR
Rider IRP and Rider DSM :
Rates. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Katie Stenman, Attorney Examiner, at the
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad
Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at 1:30
p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

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1 Thursday Afternoon Session,
2 April 15, 2010.

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4 THE EXAMINER: Let's go on the record
5 then. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has
6 called for hearing at this time and place Case No.
7 09-1036-GA-RDR, being in the Matter of the Annual
8 Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for an
9 Adjustment to Rider IRL and Rider DSM Rates. My name
10 is Katie Stenman, and I am the Examiner assigned by
11 the Commission to hear this case.

12 At this time I would like to take the
13 appearances of the parties starting with the company.

14 MR. SEIPLE: On behalf of the Columbia
15 Gas of Ohio, Inc., I would like to enter the
16 appearances of Stephen B. Seiple and Brooke E.
17 Leslie, 200 Civic Center Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

18 THE EXAMINER: Staff.

19 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: Thank you, your Honor.
20 On behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities
21 Commission of Ohio, Richard Cordray, Ohio Attorney
22 General, by Duane Luckey, Section Chief of the Public
23 Utilities Section, Anne L. Hammerstein, Sarah Parrot,
24 Assistant Attorneys General, 180 East Broad Street,
25 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

1 THE EXAMINER: OCC.

2 MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor. On
3 behalf of the Residential Consumers of Columbia Gas
4 of Ohio, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel,
5 Janine L. Migden-Ostrander, Consumers' Counsel, Larry
6 S. Sauer, Joseph P. Serio, Assistant Consumers'
7 Counsel, 10 West Broad Street, Suite 1800, Columbus,
8 Ohio 43215. Thank you.

9 THE EXAMINER: OPAE.

10 MS. MOONEY: Yes. On behalf of Ohio
11 Partners for Affordable Energy, Colleen L. Mooney and
12 David C. Rinebolt, 231 West Lima Street, Findlay,
13 Ohio.

14 THE EXAMINER: Thank you. I understand
15 that a stipulation has been docketed, and the parties
16 would like to put some exhibits into the record.

17 MR. SEIPLE: Yes, that's correct. We do
18 have a stipulation that resolved all issues in this
19 case. It was signed by all of the parties. That
20 stipulation was docketed yesterday, April 14, and I
21 would like to have that marked as Joint Exhibit 1.

22 THE EXAMINER: It will be so marked.

23 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

24 MR. SEIPLE: And assuming there is no
25 objection to that I will also move its admission.

1 THE EXAMINER: Any objections?

2 Joint Exhibit 1 will be admitted.

3 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

4 MR. SEIPLE: Then I also have a dozen
5 exhibits for Columbia Gas of Ohio. I have given
6 copies to the court reporter, and everything has been
7 docketed previously, so I have extra copies if
8 anybody needs them, but I am just going to go down
9 the list here of the things we would like to have
10 marked for identification.

11 Columbia Exhibit 1, the Notice of Intent
12 that was filed on November 30, 2009. Columbia
13 Exhibit 2, the Application that Columbia filed in
14 this docket on February 26, 2010. Columbia Exhibit
15 3, the Direct Testimony of Stephanie Noel filed
16 February 26, 2010. Columbia Exhibit 4, the Direct
17 Testimony of David Roy filed February 26, 2010.
18 Columbia Exhibit 5, a correction to the Direct
19 Testimony of David Roy filed March 17, 2010.
20 Columbia Exhibit 6, the Direct Testimony of Brad
21 Bohrer filed February 26, 2010. Columbia Exhibit 7,
22 the Direct Testimony of John Laverty filed February
23 26, 2010. Columbia Exhibit 8 is the Independent
24 Accountant's Report on the Accelerated Mains
25 Replacement Program filed February 26, 2010.

1 Columbia Exhibit 9, the Independent Accountant's
2 Report on the Riser Replacement Program also filed
3 February 26, 2010. Columbia Exhibit No. 10, the
4 Independent -- Independent Accountant's Report on the
5 Automated Meter Reading Devices Program filed
6 February 26, 2010. Columbia Exhibit No. 11, the
7 Independent Accountant's Report on the Demand Side
8 Management Program filed February 26, 2010. And the
9 last exhibit is Columbia Exhibit 12, the Direct
10 Supplemental Testimony of Stephanie Noel filed
11 February 14, 2010.

12 And Ms. Noel is prepared to take the
13 stand to see if there are any questions about her
14 testimony and the stipulation.

15 THE EXAMINER: Okay. Those exhibits will
16 be so marked.

17 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

18 THE EXAMINER: Let's see if anyone else
19 has any more exhibits before we put Ms. Noel on the
20 stand.

21 Staff.

22 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: The staff has no
23 exhibits, your Honor.

24 THE EXAMINER: Did you want to enter your
25 comments in as an exhibit?

1 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: We can if that's your
2 preference. Normally they are just in the docket.

3 THE EXAMINER: I think for a complete
4 record that would be helpful.

5 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: I guess we would like
6 to have the comments that were filed by staff in the
7 docket, I don't have the date, admitted as Staff
8 Exhibit 1.

9 THE EXAMINER: Those will be so marked.

10 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

11 THE EXAMINER: OCC.

12 MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor. We
13 would like to have marked as OCC Exhibit No. 1 the
14 comments that were filed on March 31.

15 THE EXAMINER: Those will be so marked.

16 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

17 THE EXAMINER: Thank you.

18 And OPAE.

19 MS. MOONEY: Yes, we also filed comments,
20 OPAE filed comments, on March 31 also. I don't have
21 a copy of them with me but definitely I could get you
22 a copy but they were docketed with the others.

23 THE EXAMINER: Okay. We will just need
24 to get a copy to the court reporter. Those will also
25 be so marked.

1 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

2 THE EXAMINER: At this time if you want
3 to put Ms. Noel on the stand.

4 MR. SEIPLE: All right. Ms. Noel, do you
5 want to take the stand.

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7 STEPHANIE NOEL

8 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
9 examined and testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 By Mr. Seiple:

12 Q. Would you please state your name and
13 spell it for the record.

14 A. Stephanie, S-T-E-P-H-A-N-I-E, D middle
15 initial, Noel, N-O-E-L.

16 Q. And do you have with you a copy of your
17 supplemental testimony that was filed on April 14,
18 2010?

19 A. Yes.

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

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Do you have any additions or corrections
25 to that testimony?

1 A. No.

2 MR. SEIPLE: I will make the witness
3 available for cross-examination.

4 THE EXAMINER: Staff.

5 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: Staff has no questions
6 of the witness. Thank you, your Honor.

7 THE EXAMINER: OCC.

8 MR. SAUER: No questions, your Honor.

9 THE EXAMINER: OPAE.

10 MS. MOONEY: No questions, your Honor.

11 THE EXAMINER: I don't have any questions
12 either. It looks like you are excused.

13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

14 MR. SEIPLE: And I would like to move the
15 admission of Columbia Exhibits 1 through 12.

16 THE EXAMINER: Any objections?

17 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: No objections.

18 MR. SAUER: No objections.

19 MS. MOONEY: No objections.

20 THE EXAMINER: Columbia Exhibits 1
21 through 12 will be admitted.

22 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

23 THE EXAMINER: Staff.

24 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: I would like to move
25 the Staff Exhibit 1, the March 31 comments filed by

1 the staff.

2 THE EXAMINER: Any objection?

3 MR. SEIPLE: No objection.

4 MR. SAUER: No objections.

5 THE EXAMINER: Staff Exhibit 1 will be
6 admitted.

7 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

8 THE EXAMINER: OCC.

9 MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor. I
10 would like to move for the admission of OCC Exhibit
11 1.

12 THE EXAMINER: Any objections?

13 MR. SEIPLE: No.

14 MS. MOONEY: No.

15 THE EXAMINER: OCC 1 will be admitted.

16 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

17 MS. MOONEY: Move for the admission of
18 OP&E Exhibit 1.

19 THE EXAMINER: Any objections?

20 MR. SEIPLE: No.

21 MR. SAUER: No objection.

22 MS. HAMMERSTEIN: No objection.

23 THE EXAMINER: Exhibit 1 will be
24 admitted.

25 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

1 THE EXAMINER: Is there anything else to
2 come before us today?

3 MR. SAUER: If I might, your Honor, the
4 OCC would like to request a very brief briefing
5 schedule for the purposes of putting the public
6 agency's position on the stipulation in the record.

7 THE EXAMINER: But you did sign the
8 stipulation?

9 MR. SAUER: We did sign the stipulation.

10 THE EXAMINER: Any response?

11 MR. SEIPLE: I would just like to note on
12 behalf of the company we don't feel a briefing
13 schedule is necessary given the fact that all the
14 issues have been stipulated. I would suggest that
15 perhaps it would be appropriate to not establish a
16 briefing schedule, and, of course, parties are free
17 to file whatever they care to file.

18 THE EXAMINER: Anyone else?

19 At this time a briefing schedule will not
20 be established but OCC is free to file whatever it
21 would like in the docket stating its position but we
22 won't establish a schedule at this time.

23 Is there anything else to come before us?

24 All right. Hearing none that concludes
25 this hearing. The case is submitted on the record,

1 and we are adjourned. Thank you.

2 (Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at
3 1:58 p.m.)

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5 CERTIFICATE

6 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
7 a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
8 taken by me in this matter on Thursday, April 15,
9 2010, and carefully compared with my original
10 stenographic notes.

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Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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