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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  
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On behalf of the Ohio Partners for  
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Thursday Afternoon Session,  
April 15, 2010.

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

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

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

THE EXAMINER: Staff.

MS. HAMMERSTEIN: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Richard Cordray, Ohio Attorney General, by Duane Luckey, Section Chief of the Public Utilities Section, Anne L. Hammerstein, Sarah Parrot, Assistant Attorneys General, 180 East Broad Street, 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: OP&E.

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 OPAE 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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13 Karen Sue Gibson, Registered  
14 Merit Reporter.

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