

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
for a Waiver of certain provisions in the  
December 2, 2009 PUCO Opinion and Order  
in Case No. 08-1344-GA-EXM for the Purpose  
of Promoting Economic Development )

Case No.10- 457-GA-WVR

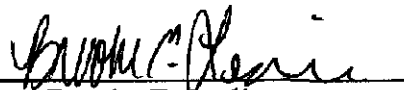
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**COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.'S  
NOTICE OF USE OF TENNESSEE PIPELINE REFUND**

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") hereby gives notice to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) that the Demand Side Management ("DSM") Stakeholder Group voted and approved Columbia's proposal to use part of the Tennessee Pipeline Refund for an enhanced rebate program. A description of the program is outlined in the attached Memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## MEMORANDUM

### **I. Introduction**

On April 18, 2010 Columbia requested permission to use a \$2.3 million refund from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. to establish an economic development program and to enhance its DSM rebate program. The Commission approved this request on May 13, 2010.

Pursuant to its application and Commission approval, Columbia will use \$750,000<sup>1</sup> for a DSM enhanced rebate program for residential customers as determined by the Demand Side Management Stakeholder Group ("Stakeholders"). On May 19, 2010, Columbia met with the Stakeholders to propose a new enhanced rebate program in which customers would receive an additional rebate for implementing energy efficiency measures within thirty (30) days of a Home Performance Audit. The Stakeholders approved this enhanced rebate program.

### **II. Home Performance Solutions Program**

The Home Performance Solutions Program is one of Columbia's DSM programs that provides incentives to home owners for making energy efficient improvements, which reduce gas consumption and the customer's bill. The Home Performance Solutions Program starts with a Home Energy Audit. During the Audit, a Home Energy Auditor conducts a visual inspection of the home, tests combustion appliances for safety, and performs high-tech diagnostic tests to assess insulation levels, air leakage and gas and heating equipment. The Auditor then identifies measures the customer can take to make

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<sup>1</sup> \$375,000 lump sum is available now with the remaining \$375,000 to be staggered over 3 quarters in 2011.

his or her home more energy efficient such as installing a new furnace or updating insulation.

Columbia currently offers rebates of up to 70% if the customer makes more than one qualified energy efficiency improvement. For customers who are above 80% of the area median income, Columbia offers rebates for insulation, air sealing, and HVAC measures that are deemed cost-effective by the energy audit. Rebates will be equal to 40% of the insulation cost, 60% of the air sealing cost, and \$200 for a high efficiency upgrade. Columbia encourages more comprehensive retrofits by increasing the rebates if multiple energy conservation measures are installed to: 60% for insulation, 70% for air sealing, and \$400 for a furnace upgrade. For customers with incomes below 80% of the area median income, Columbia offers rebates of 90% of the insulation and air sealing costs and \$1000 for a high efficiency furnace upgrade.


### **III. Enhanced Rebate**

In order to encourage customers to take energy efficiency measures recommended by the Home Energy Audit, Columbia will offer \$150 rebate to those customers who make a qualified energy efficiency measure within 30 days of the Audit. For customers who have already had the Audit, but have not taken any steps to implement energy efficiency measures, a \$150 rebate will be available to them if steps are taken within 30 days of the notice. Columbia has the option to increase the rebate up to \$250 if necessary. For Columbia's low income customers, Columbia will provide a rebate that covers the remaining 10% of the cost for the energy efficient improvements.

**IV. Conclusion**

Columbia and the Stakeholders alike believe that the enhanced rebate program will provide additional incentive for customers to make energy efficiency improvements on their homes. For the reasons set forth above, the Stakeholders voted and approved the use of these funds for the enhanced rebate program. Columbia hereby files this notice with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
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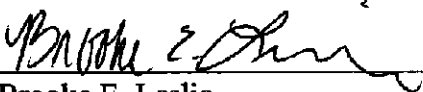
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Notice of Use of Tennessee Pipeline Refund* of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. was served upon all interested persons and parties of record by regular U. S. mail this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

  
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