BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Dr. Kenneth Sirocky	
Complainant,) }
v.) Case No. 10-3004-GA-CSS)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.)
Respondent.))

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 April 9, 2010.

- 1. Columbia admits that on August 17, 2010, Fabrizi Trucking hit a six inch medium pressure gas main near 16400 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, Ohio.
- Columbia admits that gas service was shut off at 16360 Pearl Road for approximately two hours while crews worked to repair the leak.
- 3. Columbia generally denies the remaining allegations contained in the Complaint.

Affirmative Defenses

- 4. Columbia avers that Complainant has failed to state reasonable grounds for a complaint against Columbia as required by Ohio Revised Code § 4905.26.
- 5. Complainant is seeking monetary damages by the Commission in this proceeding, which the Commission is unable to grant.
- 6. The Complainant is not the listed account holder at the address involved in his complaint, therefore, lacks standing to bring the instant complaint.

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- 7. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio lacks jurisdiction over this matter.
- 8. 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 3rd day of January, a true and accurate copy of the foregoing *Answer of Columbia Gas Inc.* was served by ordinary U.S. mail, postage prepaid, upon Dr. Kenneth Sirocky at:

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