

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for) Case No. 10-1333-GA-UNC
Approval of Revised Bill Formats.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Applicant, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Columbia) is a public utility, as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On September 8, 2010, pursuant to Rule 4901:1-13-11(D), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), Columbia filed the instant application requesting approval of revised bill formats.
- (3) On February 8, 2011, as corrected on March 1, 2011, Columbia filed a modified application, which replaces the application filed on September 8, 2010.
- (4) Initially, the Commission notes that, in our finding and order issued July 29, 2010, in Case No. 09-326-GA-ORD, the Commission adopted amended rules in Chapter 4901:1-13, O.A.C., and these rules, as amended, became effective on January 6, 2011. In its modified application filed on February 8, 2011, Columbia states that the modified application reflects the amendments adopted by the Commission, which became effective on January 6, 2011. Accordingly, the Commission will consider the modified application in accordance with the amended rules contained in Chapter 4901:1-13, O.A.C.
- (5) In the modified application filed on February 8, 2011, as corrected, Columbia requests approval of revised bill formats for the following customer classes that are billed through Columbia's Distribution Information and Gas Measurement Bill systems: Small General Service (SGS); General Service (GS); Large General Service (LGS); Full Requirements Small General Transportations Service (FRSGTS); Full Requirements General Transportation Service (FRGTS); and Full Requirements Large General Transportations Service (FRLGTS). Columbia also requests approval of revised bill formats for the following

customer classes that are billed through Columbia's Gas Transportation Service billing system: Small General Transportation Service (SGTS); Gas Transportation Service (GTS); and Large General Transportation Service customers.

Specifically, in its application, Columbia states that Rule 4901:01-13-11(B)(8)(e), O.A.C., requires the identification of the fixed monthly customer charge as a separate component of the bill, and Rule 4901:01-13-11(B) (11), O.A.C., requires that a company set forth in each customer bill the total charge attributable to the gross receipts tax, expressed in dollars and cents, and the gross receipts tax rate. Therefore, Columbia proposes the following changes to its bill formats to reflect these provisions:

- (a) Add four additional lines to its SGS customer bills under "Detail of Charges for Gas Services" reflecting the gross receipts tax, the fixed monthly delivery charge, the infrastructure replacement program (IRP) charge, and the "usage based charges," and to revise the Service Charge Note shown on page 2 of the bill to include the following language: "Current charges include gas cost recovery of \$XX.XX at the SSO rate of \$XX.XX per Ccf. SSO equals NYMEX Closing price plus the Retail Price Adjustment of \$X.XXX divided by 10."
- (b) Add four additional lines to its FRSGTS customer bills under "Detail of Charges for Gas Services" reflecting the gross receipts tax, the fixed monthly delivery charge, the IRP charge and the "usage based charges" and to revise the Service Charge Note shown on page 2 of the bill to include the following language: "Current billing charges include Choice Supplier gas costs of \$XX.XX at the rate of \$XX.XX Ccf and sales tax of \$XX.XX."
- (c) Add five additional lines to its GS and LGS customer bills, under "Detail of Charges for Gas Services" reflecting the gross receipts tax, the fixed monthly customer charge, the IRP charge, the delivery charge and the "usage based charges" and to revise the Service Charge Note shown on page 2 of the bill to include the following language: "Current charges include a gas recover of \$XX.XX at the SSO rate of \$X.XX Ccf. SSO equals the NYMEX closing

price plus the Retail Price Adjustment of \$X.XX divided by 10."


- (d) Add five additional lines to its to FRGTS and FRLGTS customer bills under "Detail of Charges for Gas Services" reflecting the gross receipts tax, the fixed monthly customer charge, the IRP charge, the delivery charge and the "usage based charges" and to revise the Service Charge Note shown on page 2 of the bill to include the following language: "Current billing charges include Choice Supplier gas costs of \$XXX.XX at the rate of \$X.XX Ccf and sales tax of \$XX.XX."
 - (e) Revise the note on page 1 to its SGS and FRSGTS, GTS, and FRGTS customer bills under General Information and add the following language: "'Current Charges include a Gross Receipts Tax of \$XX.XX computed at a rate of 4.987%".
 - (f) Revise the note on page 1 of its SGTs, GTS, and the LGTS customer bills under General Information and add the following language "Gross receipts tax computed at a rate of 4.987%".
- (6) The Commission finds that Columbia's proposed bill format, as modified, is in understandable form. Therefore, the Commission concludes that Columbia's application as filed on February 8, 2011, and corrected on March 1, 2011, is reasonable, and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Columbia's application as filed on February 8, 2011, and corrected on March 1, 2011, be approved, and the amended bill format, as modified, be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon Columbia and all other interested persons of record.


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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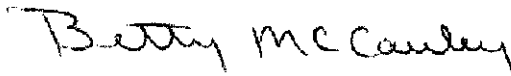

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