

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia)
Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Abandon)
Service to One Premise, Pursuant to Ohio) Case No. 11-6078-GA-ABN
Revised Code Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Columbia or Company) is a natural gas company and public utility within the meaning of Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(6), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
- (2) On December 28, 2011, Columbia filed an application for authority to abandon service to one premise located at Service Road 821 in Caldwell, Ohio, pursuant to Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised Code. Columbia states that, for a period of more than 50 years, Columbia and/or its corporate predecessor has provided retail natural gas service to the single land premise in question through a direct tap on Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC's (Columbia Transmission) Line O-1430.
- (3) According to the application, this 3,600 foot, four-inch bare unprotected steel pipeline was originally constructed in 1956 and its sole purpose was to serve one customer, an industrial heat treating company named Clevite Bearing. This company has since gone out of business and Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) now owns the property which still stands empty and uses no gas service. According to the application, Line O-1430 was completely damaged by a hillside slip in May 2011, and is no longer able to serve the customer. Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC has, thus, concluded that it will abandon this section of pipe and remove it from service. The premise is also connected to a Knox Energy, Inc.'s (Knox Energy) gas line and meter. Knox Energy is a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative natural gas utility operated exclusively for its members. Knox Energy has agreed to supply service to CIC's property upon request. Since the existing property owner has

an alternative heating source with Knox Energy, Columbia is requesting authority to abandon service to that customer.

- (4) The Commission has reviewed the application and finds that the said abandonment is reasonable and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

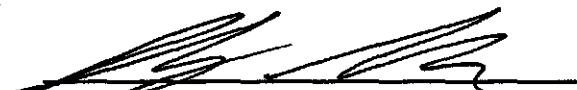
ORDERED, That the application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., for authority to abandon service to one premise be granted. It is, further,

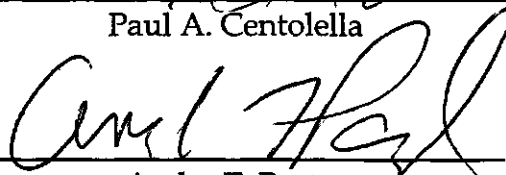
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., and all other interested parties of record.

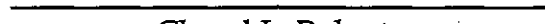
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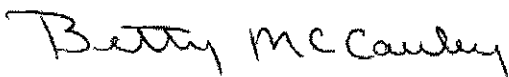

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