

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)
lumbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval) Case No. 11-5515-GA-ALT
of an Alternative Form of Regulation.)

**JOINT STIPULATION
REGARDING PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

Columbia filed its original Notice of Intent to File an Application for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan on December 9, 2011. On December 22, 2011, Columbia filed a Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement. The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy ("OPAE") objected to Columbia's Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement. Columbia responded to the pleadings filed by the OCC and OPAE. Specifically, the parties filed the following pleadings with respect to Columbia's Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement:

DATE	PARTY	PLEADING
1/6/12	OCC	Memorandum Contra Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement
1/11/12	Columbia	Reply Memorandum to the OCC's Memorandum Contra Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement
1/11/12	OPAE	Reply to the Memorandum Contra
1/13/12	Columbia	Motion to Strike and Reply Memorandum to the Memorandum Contra of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy
1/19/12	OPAE	Memorandum Contra Motion to Strike
1/23/12	Columbia	Reply Memorandum to OPAE's Memorandum Contra

On March 5, 2012, Columbia filed an Amended Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement. OCC and OP&A represent that they have the same concerns and objections to the Amended Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement that they had to the original Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirements. Columbia represents that were the OCC and OP&A to file the same objections, Columbia's responses would be the same. Therefore, Columbia, OCC and OP&A stipulate and agree, and recommend that the Commission take the following action with regard to the six pleadings listed above without the necessity of the parties having to refile any of the listed pleadings.

- The pleading filed on January 6, 2012 and the two pleadings filed on January 11, 2012 should all apply to Columbia's Amended Motion for Waiver of the Standard Filing Requirement.
- Columbia's January 13, 2012, Motion to Strike and Reply Memorandum to the Memorandum Contra of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy should be considered to be only a Reply Memorandum to OP&A's January 11, 2012 pleading. Columbia withdraws its Motion to Strike.
- Because Columbia is proposing to withdraw its Motion to Strike, the pleadings filed on January 19, 2012 and January 23, 2012 are moot.

This recommendation is reasonable and in the public interest because it will prevent the parties from having to refile new pleadings containing the same substance as earlier pleadings. Approving the recommendation would also promote administrative efficiency and result in fewer pleadings that must be reviewed by the Commission. However, nothing in this Stipulation precludes a signatory party from filing a motion or other pleading, either in support or in opposition to Columbia's alternative rate plan proposal in this case.

Under the Commission's rules, any objections to Columbia's Memorandum Amended Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement would ordinarily be due by March 20, 2012. Absent approval of this agreement the parties will have to preserve their rights and file additional pleadings that set forth their positions with regard to the Amended Motion for Waiver of Standard Filing Requirement. Therefore, the parties respectfully request that the Commission rule upon this Joint Stipulation Regarding Procedural Matters by March 19, 2012.

AGREED THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

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