

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of: :
: Case No. 11-5803-GA-RDR
The Annual Application of :
Columbia Gas, Inc., for an:
Adjustment to Rider IRP :
and Rider DSM Rates. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Mandy L. Willey, Attorney Examiner, at the
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad
Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00
a.m. on Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

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1 Wednesday Morning Session,
2 April 11, 2012.

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4 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Public
5 Utilities Commission of Ohio has called for hearing
6 at this time and place, Case No. 11-5803-GA-RDR,
7 being In the Matter of the Annual Application of
8 Columbia Gas, Inc., for an Adjustment to Rider IRP
9 and Rider DSM Rates.

10 My name is Mandy Willey, and I am the
11 attorney-examiner assigned by the Commission to hear
12 this case. I will begin by taking the appearances of
13 the parties, starting with the Company.

14 MS. LESLIE: Brooke Leslie and Stephen B.
15 Seiple on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio.

16 MR. BEELER: On behalf of Staff of the
17 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Ohio Attorney
18 General Mike DeWine, section chief, William L.
19 Wright, by Steven L. Beeler, assistant attorney
20 general, 180 East Broad Street, Sixth Floor,
21 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

22 MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor. On
23 behalf of the residential customers of Columbia Gas
24 of Ohio, the Office of Ohio Consumers Counsel, Bruce
25 J. Weston, by Joseph P. Serio, Larry Sauer, assistant

1 Consumers' Counsel, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus,
2 Ohio.

3 MS. MOONEY: On behalf of the Ohio
4 Partners for Affordable Energy, Colleen Mooney, 231
5 West Lima Street, Findlay, Ohio 45839.

6 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let the record
7 reflect that a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation
8 has been filed. Is that correct, Ms. Leslie?

9 MS. LESLIE: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Do you have a
11 witness in support of the Stipulation?

12 MS. LESLIE: Yes, your Honor. We would
13 like to call Mr. Tom Brown.

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15 THOMAS J. BROWN, JR.,
16 being first duly sworn, as hereinafter certified,
17 deposes and says as follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 By Ms. Leslie:

20 Q. Good morning, Mr. Brown.

21 A. Good morning.

22 Q. Please state your name and business
23 address for the record.

24 A. Thomas Brown, 200 Civic Center Drive,
25 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

1 Q. And did you cause testimony to be filed
2 in this case on April 10, 2005?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And have you had a chance to review that
5 testimony?

6 A. Yes, I have.

7 Q. And do you have any corrections to the
8 testimony?

9 A. No.

10 Q. If I were to ask you the same questions
11 today that are contained in your testimony, would
12 your answers be the same?

13 A. Yes, they would.

14 MS. LESLIE: At this time, your Honor, I
15 like to make the witness available for
16 cross-examination.

17 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

18 Are there any questions on cross?

19 MR. BEELER: No, your Honor.

20 MR. SAUER: No your Honor.

21 MS. MOONEY: No, your Honor.

22 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: I have no
23 questions. Thank you. You may step down.

24 MS. LESLIE: Your Honor, we would like to
25 mark Mr. Brown's Supplemental Direct Testimony as

1 Columbia Gas Exhibit 7.

2 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so
3 marked.

4 MS. LESLIE: We would also like to mark
5 as Joint Exhibit 1 the Stipulation that was filed on
6 April 10, 2012.

7 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so
8 marked.

9 MS. LESLIE: We would also like to mark
10 as Columbia Exhibit 1, the Notice of Intent filed by
11 Columbia on November 30, 2011.

12 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so
13 marked.

14 MS. LESLIE: We would like to mark as
15 Columbia Exhibit 2 the Application to Adjust Rider
16 IRP and Rider DSM Rates of Columbia Gas of Ohio,
17 filed February 28, 2012.

18 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so
19 marked.

20 MS. LESLIE: We would like to mark as
21 Columbia Exhibit 3 the Direct Testimony of Larry
22 Martin filed February 28, 2012.

23 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so
24 marked.

25 MS. LESLIE: We like to mark as Columbia

Exhibit 4 the Direct Testimony of Eric Belle filed February 28, 2012.

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so marked.

MS. LESLIE: We would also like to mark as Columbia Exhibit 5 the Direct Testimony of Brad Bohrer filed February 28, 2012.

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so marked.

MS. LESLIE: And, finally, we would like to mark as Columbia Exhibit 6 the Direct Testimony of John A. Laverty filed February 28, 2012.

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. It will be so marked.

MS. LESLIE: At this time Columbia would like to move for the admission of all the exhibits previously marked.

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Are there any objections to Columbia Exhibits 1 through 7 and Joint Exhibit 1?

Hearing none, Columbia Exhibits 1 through 7 and Joint Exhibit 1 will be admitted.

(EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: On behalf of the other parties, I would prefer that you mark and move

1 the comments. Begin with OCC.

2 MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor. We
3 would like to have marked as OCC Exhibit No. 1 the
4 Comments on the Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio
5 that we filed on March 28 in the docket.

6 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Any objections to
7 the admission of OCC Exhibit 1?

8 MS. LESLIE: No.

9 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Hearing none, OCC
10 Exhibit 1 will be admitted.

11 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

12 MS. MOONEY: I will move for the
13 admission of OPAE's comments, which would be OPAE
14 Exhibit No. 1.

15 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let the record
16 reflect those comments were filed on March 28, 2012.

17 Any objections to the admission of OPAE
18 Exhibit 1?

19 MS. LESLIE: No.

20 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Hearing none, it
21 will be admitted.

22 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

23 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Beeler.

24 MR. BEELER: Staff requests be marked as
25 Staff Exhibit 1 the Comments and Recommendations

1 submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public
2 Utilities Commission of Ohio that were filed in this
3 docket on March 28, 2012.

4 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: It will be so
5 marked.

6 Any objection to the admission of Staff
7 Exhibit 1?

8 Hearing none, Staff Exhibit 1 will be
9 admitted.

10 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

11 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Anything further
12 to come before us today?

13 Hearing none, we are adjourned. Thank
14 you.

15 (The hearing adjourned at 10:06 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, April 11, 2012, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Rosemary Foster Anderson,
Professional Reporter and
Notary Public in and for
the State of Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2014.
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