

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On December 3, 2008, the Commission approved and adopted a stipulation regarding applications filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia), for approval of an increase in gas distribution rates, an alternative rate plan for its gas distribution service, and an application to modify certain accounting methods, as well as for authority to revise its depreciation accrual rates. *See Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., Case Nos. 08-72-GA-AIR, et al. (October 24, 2008) (Columbia Rate Case).*
- (2) On December 9, 2011, Columbia filed a notice of intent to file an application for approval of an alternative rate plan pursuant to Rule 4901:1-19-05, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). According to the filing, Columbia sought authority to implement an alternative rate plan consisting of a five-year extension of the infrastructure replacement program (IRP) portion of its alternative rate plan, which was originally approved pursuant to the stipulation in the *Columbia Rate Case*, as well as a new economic development cost recovery mechanism.
- (3) On March 5, 2012, Columbia filed an amended notice of intent to file an application for approval of an alternative rate plan. In its amended notice, Columbia stated that it intends to file its application pursuant to Section 4929.051(B), Revised Code. Columbia explained that its application will seek authority to continue the IRP portion of its alternative regulation plan for another five-year period. Additionally, Columbia stated that its application will clarify the scope of its IRP.
- (4) On May 8, 2012, Columbia filed an application, along with supporting exhibits and schedules, pursuant to Sections

4929.051(B) and 4929.11, Revised Code, requesting authority to continue the IRP portion of its alternative regulation plan for another five-year period. Columbia states that, because it is seeking authorization to continue a previously approved alternative rate plan, this application is not for an increase in rates.

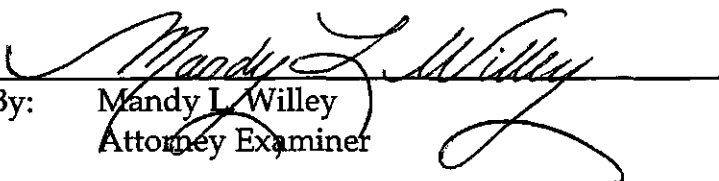
- (5) Accordingly, at this time, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set the following procedural schedule:
- (a) Friday, June 1, 2012 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) Thursday, June 14, 2012 – Deadline for the filing of comments on Columbia's May 8, 2012, application.
 - (c) Monday, June 25, 2012 – Deadline for the filing of reply comments.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule and deadlines set forth in Finding (5) be observed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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