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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

Comment - Case 12-2637, Columbia Proposal to eliminate regulated prices

My one experience with a gas marketer(IGS) has not been a good one. For most of the life of the contract, the prices paid to them were greater than those charged by Columbia. The total contract was a net loss.

These companies are in the business of reselling a commodity, and their incentive is to establish a large a spread as possible between wholesale and their contract prices. My understanding is that regulated prices are wholesale (auction) plus a fixed markup. None of this is fully transparent.

With an apparent large pool of natural gas in eastern Ohio, one would suspect that well head prices will stay low or still trend down for the foreseeable future. Ohio natural gas customers should have the opportunity to take advantage of this trend.

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