

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Regulation of the :
Purchased Gas Adjustment : Case No. 13-0206-GA-GCR
Clause Contained Within :
the Rate Schedules of :
Brainard Gas Corporation. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Scott E. Farkas, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

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Tuesday Morning Session,
February 18, 2014.

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EXAMINER FARKAS: Let's go on the record.
The Commission has called for hearing at this time
and place in the Matter of the Regulation of the
Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause Contained Within the
Rate Schedules of Brainard Gas Corporation, Case No.
13-206-GA-GCR.

My name is Scott Farkas. I am the
Attorney Examiner assigned to hear this case. At
this time I'll take appearances first on behalf of
the company.

MR. YURICK: On behalf of the company,
your Honor, I'm Mark Yurick of the law firm of Taft,
Stettinius & Hollister, 65 East State Street, Suite
1000, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

EXAMINER FARKAS: And on behalf of staff.

MR. PARRAM: Good morning, your Honor.
On behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio, Ohio Attorney General Mike
DeWine, William Wright, Section Chief, Public
Utilities Section, 180 East Broad Street, 6th Floor,
Columbus, Ohio 43215.

EXAMINER FARKAS: I will note for the

1 record there were no intervenors in this case and
2 that the company according to the docket card in the
3 case filed proof of publication of the notice of
4 hearing and that there are no members of the public
5 present in the hearing room.

6 It's also my understanding that the
7 parties have entered into a stipulation; is that
8 correct?

9 MR. YURICK: That's correct, your Honor.

10 EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay. And the
11 stipulation -- and that's correct also from the
12 staff?

13 MR. PARRAM: Yes, your Honor.

14 EXAMINER FARKAS: And the stipulation
15 resolved all the issues that were at -- involved in
16 the case?

17 MR. YURICK: Yes, that's correct, your
18 Honor.

19 MR. PARRAM: Yes, your Honor.

20 EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay. And I believe
21 staff has a witness in support of the stipulation?

22 MR. PARRAM: Yes, your Honor. Staff
23 would like to call Staff Witness Patrick Donlon to
24 the stand.

25 EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay.

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PATRICK DONLON

being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Parram:

Q. Will you please state your name and business address for the record.

A. Patrick Donlon, 180 East Broad, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Q. Who are you currently employed by?

A. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Q. And what is your position at the PUCO?

A. Utilities administrator.

MR. PARRAM: Your Honor, I would like to have marked for purposes of identification Joint Exhibit 1 which is the stipulation and recommendation that has been filed in this case.

EXAMINER FARKAS: So marked.

(EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

MR. PARRAM: May I approach, your Honor?

EXAMINER FARKAS: Yes.

Q. Mr. Donlon, I've handed you an exhibit marked Joint Exhibit 1. Are you familiar with this document?

A. Yes, I am.

1 Q. What is this document?

2 A. It's the stipulation for the GCR of
3 Brainard between the staff and Brainard.

4 Q. And could you please summarize the major
5 points of the stipulation.

6 A. The stipulation is basically taking the
7 recommendations of the Staff Report and just
8 clarifying some of the steps the company will take to
9 ensure that those recommendations are met.

10 Q. And in your opinion does the stipulation
11 represent the product of serious bargaining among
12 capable and knowledgeable parties?

13 A. Yes, it does.

14 Q. And does the stipulation benefit the
15 customers and the public interest?

16 A. Yes, it does.

17 Q. And does the stipulation violate any
18 important regulatory practice or principle?

19 A. No.

20 Q. And does the stipulation resolve all of
21 the issues in this case?

22 A. Yes.

23 MR. PARRAM: That's all I have, your
24 Honor. No further questions for Mr. Donlon.

25 EXAMINER FARKAS: Do you have any

1 questions?

2 MR. YURICK: No questions on behalf of
3 the company.

4 EXAMINER FARKAS: Does the staff plan on
5 entering the Staff Report as an exhibit?

6 MR. PARRAM: Yes. I was going to do that
7 afterwards.

8 EXAMINER FARKAS: Perfect. Okay. I have
9 no questions. You're excused.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

11 MR. PARRAM: And, your Honor, staff would
12 like to have marked as Commission-Ordered Exhibit 1,
13 the Staff Report of Investigation, that was filed in
14 this case on December 20, 2013, and also have that
15 moved for admission.

16 EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay. So marked.

17 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

18 MR. YURICK: No objection to the
19 admission of that.

20 EXAMINER FARKAS: And it will be
21 admitted.

22 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

23 EXAMINER FARKAS: And is there any
24 objection to the admission of the joint stipulation?

25 MR. YURICK: No, your Honor.

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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 Tuesday, February 18, 2014, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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