

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Commission's	)	
Review of its Rules in Chapter 4901:1-	)	Case No. 13-2237-GA-ORD
16 of the Ohio Administrative Code,	)	
Regarding Gas Pipeline Safety.	)	

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**REPLY COMMENTS OF  
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.**

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The Initial Comments filed in this proceeding primarily focus upon the Commission Staff's proposed insertion of Ohio Adm. Code Chapter 4901:1-16-05(G), which would require the timely abandonment of inactive service lines. As stated in its Initial Comments and the Initial Comments of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio and Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") supports the utilization of a stakeholder workshop to clarify rule requirements and provide an opportunity for local distribution companies to present to the Commission ways to incorporate the rules into their current policies and procedures. Nonetheless, Columbia agrees with the intent of Staff's abandoned service line rule "to address public safety and property damage as a result of fire and explosions at vacant and abandoned properties,"<sup>1</sup> and believes a rule to address these issues is necessary to increase public safety and reliability.

Columbia continues to support Staff's effort to ensure utilities are operating a safer and more reliable pipeline system. Therefore, for the reasons stated in its Initial Comments and these Reply Comments, Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission accept Columbia's proposed changes to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-16-05(G) and consider hosting a separate workshop to allow utilities to work with Staff to incorporate the rules into their current policies and procedures.

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of the Commission's Review of its Rules in Chapter 4901:1-16 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Regarding Gas Pipeline Safety*, Case 13-2237-GA-ORD, Entry (March 5, 2014) Attach. B at 6.

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