

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense )  
Rider of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. and ) Case No. 15-321-GA-UEX  
Related Matters. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) By Finding and Order issued December 17, 2003, in *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC (UEX Order), the Commission approved the application of five natural gas companies, including Columbia, to recover uncollectible accounts expenses (UEX) through riders. In accordance with the UEX Order, Columbia was required to file annually with the Commission a report identifying the amounts recovered, deferred, and, as applicable, amortized under the rider. In addition, Columbia was permitted to request an adjustment to the rider.
- (3) Columbia's current UEX rider rate of \$0.1457 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by Opinion and Order issued May 28, 2014, in *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 14-321-GA-UEX.
- (4) On April 16, 2015, Columbia filed an application to decrease its UEX rider rate from \$0.1457 per Mcf to \$0.1214 per Mcf, a decrease of (\$0.0243).<sup>1</sup> The proposed rate is comprised of two components: Columbia's projected deferred uncollectible expenses as of May 31, 2015; and Columbia's estimated uncollectible accounts expense for the 12-month period ending May 31, 2016.
- (5) On May 15, 2015, Staff filed comments on Columbia's application recommending approval of the proposed UEX rider rate.
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that the proposed adjustment to Columbia's

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<sup>1</sup> Amounts shown in parenthesis indicate negative numbers.

UEX rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Columbia should be authorized to include the revised UEX rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates Columbia applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Columbia's application be approved and Columbia be authorized to decrease the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.1214 per Mcf. It is, further,

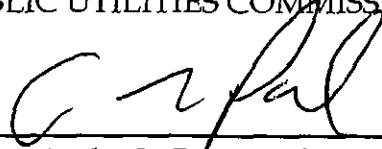
ORDERED, That Columbia is authorized to file two complete copies of its revised tariff sheets in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. Columbia shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff sheets shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which final tariff sheets are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

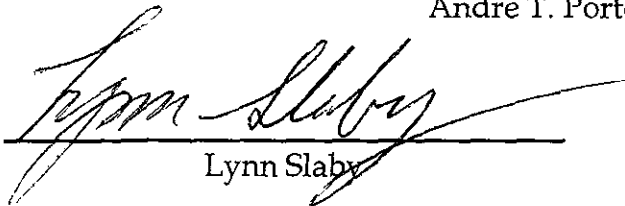
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any further proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon Columbia and upon all interested persons of record.

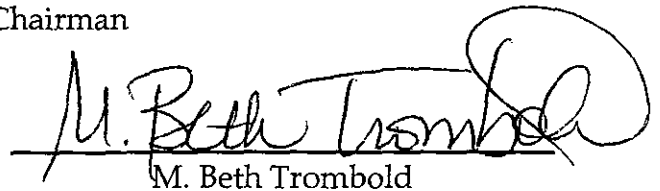
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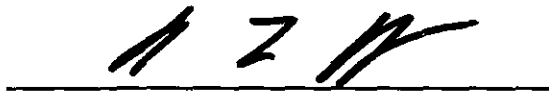
Andre T. Porter, Chairman



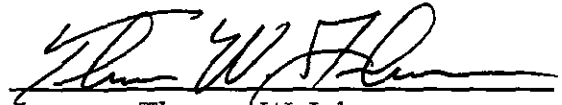
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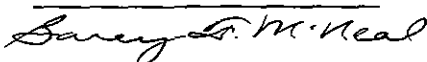


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