

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an) Case No. 15-1918-GA-RDR
Adjustment to Rider IRP and Rider DSM)
Rates.

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By Opinion and Order issued December 3, 2008, in *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 08-72-GA-AIR, et al. (*Columbia Distribution Rate Case*), the Commission approved a Stipulation that, inter alia, provided a process for adjustments to the Infrastructure Replacement Program Rider (Rider IRP) and the Demand-Side Management Rider (Rider DSM) of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia). In accordance with the Stipulation, by November 30 of each year, Columbia is to file its initial prefilng notice and such notice would include estimated schedules regarding Rider IRP and Rider DSM, containing a combination of actual and projected data for the calendar year. Columbia agreed to file, by the following February 28, an updated application with schedules based on actual data through the end of the prior calendar year. Staff and other parties may then file comments and Columbia has until March 31 to resolve the issues raised in the comments. If the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, then a hearing will be held. The goal of the process set forth in the Stipulation is for the proposed amendments to Rider IRP and Rider DSM to be effective by the first billing cycle of May.
- (2) In accordance with the Rider IRP and Rider DSM provisions of the Stipulation in the *Columbia Distribution Rate Case*, Columbia filed its prefilng notice on November 25, 2015, in the instant case.
- (3) On February 26, 2016, Columbia filed its application in this case, requesting an adjustment to Rider IRP and Rider DSM to recover costs for 2015.
- (4) In order to accomplish the review of Columbia's proposed adjustments to Rider IRP and Rider DSM, the attorney

examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) March 24, 2016: Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) March 24, 2016: Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the application.
 - (c) March 29, 2016: Deadline for Columbia to file a statement informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.
 - (d) April 5, 2016: Deadline for the parties and Staff to file expert testimony.
 - (e) In the event that some or all of the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such a stipulation with the Commission by 10:00 a.m. on April 6, 2016.
 - (f) In the event all of the issues are not resolved or the parties enter into a stipulation, a hearing shall commence on April 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Any party requesting a continuance of the hearing must file a motion to continue the hearing with the Commission by 10:00 a.m. on April 6, 2016.
- (5) In light of the time frame for this proceeding, the attorney examiner requires that, in the event that any motion is made in this proceeding, any memoranda contra shall be filed within three business days after the service of such motion, and reply memoranda to any memorandum contra will not be accepted. Parties shall provide service of pleadings via hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail.
- (6) In addition, the attorney examiner finds that the response time for discovery shall be shortened to seven days. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail.

An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served in advance to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (4) be adopted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the processes established in findings (5) and (6). It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ L. Douglas Jennings

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting procedural schedule; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of L. Douglas Jennings, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio