

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
COBRA PIPELINE COMPANY, LTD FOR AN  
INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND CHARGES.

CASE NO. 16-1725-PL-AIR

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 9, 2016

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission accepts for filing as of September 26, 2016, the application for an increase in rates filed by Cobra Pipeline Company, LTD and directs the company to publish legal notice of the application in the non-legal notice section of the applicable newspapers.

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Cobra Pipeline Company, LTD (Cobra) is a pipeline company under R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} On August 15, 2016, Cobra filed its application in the above-captioned case, in response to the Commission's Opinion and Order in Case No. 14-1654-GA-CSS, et al. In its Order, the Commission directed Cobra and any other pipeline companies owned or controlled by Richard Osborne to file applications, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 4909, to determine just and reasonable rates that include charges for firm and interruptible transportation services and rates for shrinkage. *In re Complaint of Orwell Natural Gas Co. v. Orwell-Trumbull Pipeline Co., LLC*, Case No. 14-1654-GA-CSS, et al., Opinion and Order (June 15, 2016) at 35.

{¶ 4} On August 25, 2016, Staff sent Cobra a letter stating that its application did not comply with the Standard Filing Requirements for Rate Increases covered in Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01 and that Staff did not receive enough information to begin its

review of the application. Staff's letter detailed the information Cobra must provide in order to complete the application and stated the information should be provided not later than 30 days from the date of that letter.

{¶ 5} An amended abbreviated application was filed by Cobra on September 26, 2016, and was further supplemented on November 4, 2016.

{¶ 6} Cobra proposes a test year ending December 31, 2015, and a date certain of December 31, 2015. The Commission approves the test year and date certain as proposed.

{¶ 7} In accordance with Chapter IV in Appendix A to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, which sets forth the Standard Filing Requirements for a small utility making an abbreviated filing, Cobra requested, in its application, a waiver of R.C. 4909.18(A) through (E), which requires specified financial information, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission finds that Cobra's request for a waiver is moot to the extent that Cobra has already provided some of the information required by the statute. With respect to the remaining information, given that Cobra is a small utility serving approximately 17 customers, the Commission finds that the request is reasonable and should be granted. However, the Commission notes that, in granting the request for a waiver, Cobra is not relieved of its responsibility to provide Staff with information in the areas subject to the waiver, if, in the determination of Staff, the information becomes necessary during the course of the investigation of Cobra's application.

{¶ 8} Cobra's amended application meets the requirements of R.C. 4909.18 and this Commission's Standard Filing Requirements. As such, the amended application will be accepted as of its filing date of September 26, 2016.

{¶ 9} R.C. 4909.19 requires publication of the substance and prayer of the application once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published, and in

general circulation, throughout the territory affected by the matters referred to in the application and in which Cobra operates.

{¶ 10} Cobra shall begin publication of the newspaper notice below, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, within 30 days of this Entry, and such notice shall not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper.

### **NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS**

#### **COBRA PIPELINE COMPANY, LTD**

#### **PUCO CASE NO. 16-1725-PL-AIR**

Pursuant to Section 4909.19, Revised Code, Cobra Pipeline Company, LTD (Cobra) hereby gives notice that, on September 26, 2016, it filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) in Case No. 16-1725-PL-AIR. The application for an increase in rates was filed pursuant to the Commission's Opinion and Order in Case No. 14-1654-GA-CSS, et al.

Any interested party seeking detailed information with respect to all affected rates, charges, regulations, and practices may inspect a copy of the application, including supporting schedules and present and proposed rate sheets, by any of the following methods: by visiting the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793; or by visiting the Commission's web site at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, inputting 16-1725 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed. In its application, Cobra requests that the Commission grant Cobra authorization to charge the proposed rates and charges set forth in the rate chart below.

**COBRA PROPOSED RATES:**

## Firm Transportation Service:

Demand Charge: \$0.95 X MDQ x number of days in a month

Commodity Charge: \$0.10 per Dth

Unauthorized Daily

Overrun Charge: \$0.75 per Dth

## Interruptible Service:

Commodity Charge: \$0.75 per Dth

**III. ORDER**

{¶ 11} It is, therefore,

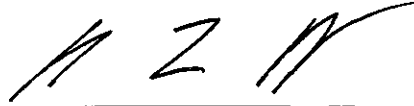
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the application of Cobra Pipeline Company, LTD be accepted for filing as of September 26, 2016. It is further,

{¶ 13} ORDRED, That Cobra's request for a waiver be granted to the extent set forth in Paragraph 7. It is, further,

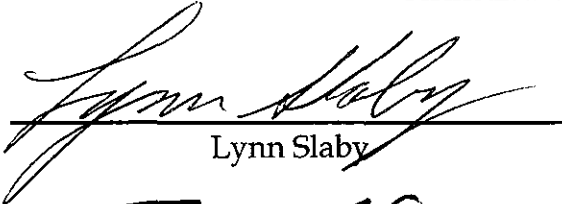
{¶ 14} ORDERED, That Cobra shall publish legal notice of the application in the non-legal notice section of the applicable newspapers within 30 days of the date of this Entry, as presented in Paragraph 10. It is further,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.


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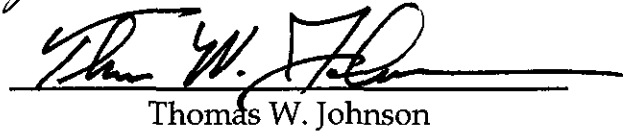
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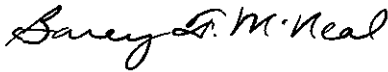


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