

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Complaint of)	
Iris Rayford,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	Case No. 17-1207-GA-CSS
)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.,)	
Respondent.)	

ANSWER OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

Now comes the Respondent, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia"), and files its Answer to the Complaint filed herein on May 8, 2017.

1. Columbia is generally without sufficient knowledge to either admit or deny the allegations in the Complaint.

Affirmative Defenses

2. Columbia avers that the Complaint does not comply with the Commission's rules requiring a "statement which clearly explains the facts." Ohio Admin. Code 4901-9-01(B). The Complaint is not in numbered paragraph form and contains numerous opinions and irrelevant facts rather than specific allegations. As such, Columbia has been left to speculate as to the specific allegations in order to respond as required. Columbia reserves the right to amend its Answer in the event it has incorrectly understood the allegation in the Complaint.
3. Columbia avers that the Complainant has failed to state reasonable grounds for a complaint against Columbia as required by Ohio Revised Code § 4905.26.
4. Columbia avers that the Complainant has failed to state a claim for which relief can be granted.
5. Columbia avers that it has complied with all applicable Ohio statutes, the Commission's rules and regulations and Columbia's tariff.
6. Columbia reserves the right to raise other defenses as warranted by discovery in this matter.

Respectfully submitted by,

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

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