

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF
MIKE PAPADAKIS,**

COMPLAINANT,

V.

**SOUTHSTAR ENERGY SERVICES LLC DBA
OHIO NATURAL GAS**

CASE NO. 17-1693-GA-CSS

AND

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.,

RESPONDENTS.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 27, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants the joint motion to dismiss the complaint with prejudice, as the issues in the case have been resolved.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory. Pursuant to R.C. 4929.24, the Commission has jurisdiction under R.C. 4905.26, upon complaint of any person, regarding the provision by a retail natural gas supplier subject to certification under R.C. 4929.20 of any service for which it is subject to certification.

{¶ 3} Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) is a natural gas company as defined in 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.

{¶ 4} SouthStar Energy Services LLC dba Ohio Natural Gas (ONG) is a retail natural gas supplier as defined in R.C. 4929.01, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 5} On July 28, 2017, Mike Papadakis (Complainant) filed a complaint against Columbia, alleging that he was overcharged on his bill. A copy of Complainant's bill, which was filed with the complaint, indicates that Columbia is responsible for delivery of the gas, with ONG as the supplier of the gas.

{¶ 6} Columbia filed its answer on August 14, 2017, denying the allegations in the complaint. Shortly thereafter, ONG filed its answer, also denying Complainant's contentions. ONG explains that Complainant had been on a fixed rate that expired and that his contract had renewed at a higher rate.

{¶ 7} A joint motion to dismiss with prejudice was filed by Columbia and ONG on August 14, 2017. In the joint motion, Columbia and ONG state that all issues with Complainant have been resolved, and that no further proceedings are necessary. Columbia and ONG request dismissal of the complaint with prejudice.

{¶ 8} Ohio Adm.Code 4901-9-01(F) provides that, if an answer or motion is filed that asserts that a complaint has been satisfied, and no response is filed within 20 days, the Commission may presume that satisfaction or settlement has occurred and dismiss the complaint.

{¶ 9} Complainant did not respond to the joint motion to dismiss within 20 days, or at any time thereafter. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the joint motion to dismiss the complaint, with prejudice, is reasonable and should be granted.

III. ORDER

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

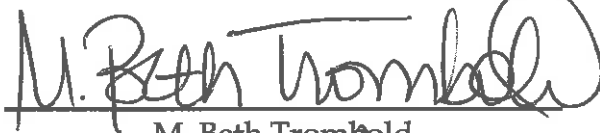
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the joint motion to dismiss the complaint, with prejudice, be granted, and this case be dismissed. It is, further,

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

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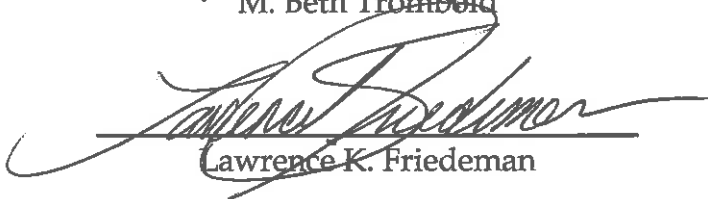
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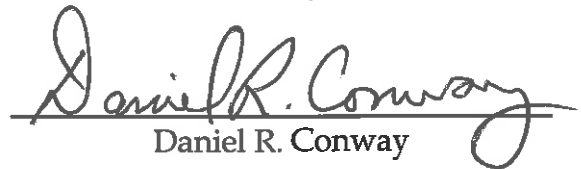
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