

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.  
FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS  
INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT RIDER  
TARIFFS.

CASE NO. 18-1119-GA-ATA

### FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on October 10, 2018

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the proposed infrastructure development rider tariffs filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. on July 12, 2018.

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} 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.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4929.161 permits a natural gas company to file an application with the Commission for approval of an infrastructure development rider (IDR) to recover prudently incurred infrastructure development costs of one or more approved economic development projects. Pursuant to R.C. 4929.165 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-43-04(B), each natural gas company with an approved IDR shall update the rider rate on an annual basis. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-43-04(D) provides that each annual report to update the IDR should be made not less than 75 days prior to the proposed effective date of the updated rider rate. Proposed rates take effect on the 76th day, unless suspended by the Commission for good cause shown, and are subject to reconciliation adjustments following any hearing, if necessary. Further, consistent with R.C. 4929.167 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-43-04(C), the Commission may conduct an audit of the costs incurred and recovered through the IDR.

{¶ 4} In Case No. 16-2067-GA-ATA, et al., the Commission approved Columbia's application to establish an IDR. *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 16-2067-GA-ATA, et al., Finding and Order (May 24, 2017).

{¶ 5} On July 12, 2018, in the above-captioned case, Columbia filed an application to amend its IDR tariffs, in order to incorporate more precise language to reflect the annual reconciliation, adjustment, and potential refunds associated with infrastructure development expenses, which are reconciled on an annual basis. Specifically, Columbia proposes to add the following language to the IDR tariffs: "RECONCILIATION ADJUSTMENT: This Rider is subject to annual reconciliation or adjustment, including but not limited to, increases or refunds. Such annual reconciliation or adjustment shall be limited to the infrastructure development expenses upon which the rate to recover those expenses was calculated, if determined to be unlawful, unreasonable, or imprudent by the Commission in the docket those rates were approved or the Supreme Court of Ohio."

{¶ 6} On September 17, 2018, Staff filed its review and recommendations in response to Columbia's application, recommending approval of the proposed IDR tariff language.

{¶ 7} The Commission finds that Columbia's proposed IDR tariffs, as filed on July 12, 2018, are reasonable and in the public interest. Columbia's proposed tariffs make clear that the IDR is subject to reconciliation and adjustment. We, therefore, find that Columbia's IDR tariffs should be approved. We further find that no hearing is necessary with respect to Columbia's proposed tariffs.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Columbia's proposed IDR tariffs, as filed on July 12, 2018, be approved. It is, further,

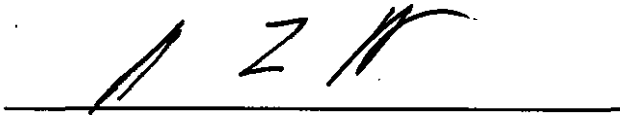
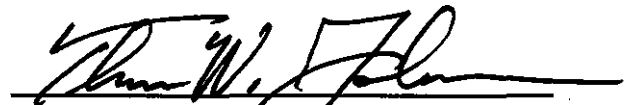
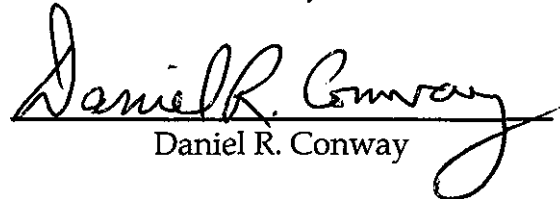
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Columbia be authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Columbia shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

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

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

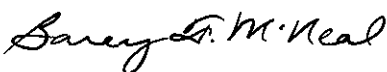
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