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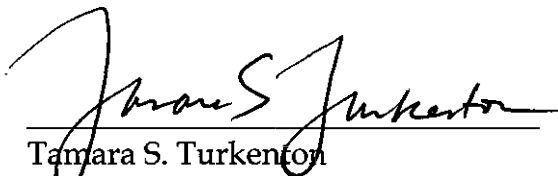
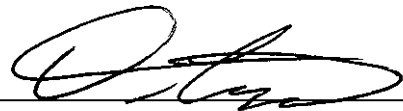
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RE: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) and Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) for Approval of a Pipeline Lease Agreement in Case No. 18-1277-GA-AEC.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the joint application filed by Columbia and Suburban seeking approval of a pipeline lease agreement in Case No. 18-1277-GA-AEC.

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Enclosure

Cc: Parties of Record

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Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. and Suburban Natural Gas Company
Case No. 18-1277-GA-AEC

SUMMARY

On September 10, 2018, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) and Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) filed a joint application seeking approval of a pipeline lease agreement to recognize Columbia's utilization of Suburban's pipeline to serve its customers in the Oak Creek Subdivision in Delaware County. As part of the agreement, Columbia will pay monthly installments of \$2,125.00. The initial term of the agreement is for five years, with a month-to-month thereafter provision and a requirement to provide a 180 day written notice to the other party if either party intends to terminate the lease.

This lease agreement extends an agreement between Columbia and Suburban entered into in Case No. 15-1931-GA-AEC. The initial term of this agreement was for three years and is due to expire in January 2019.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff has reviewed the application filed in the above case and finds it to be reasonable and in the public interest.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff believes that the application filed by Columbia and Suburban is reasonable and should be approved.