

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia	)	
Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Abandon	)	
Service to Nine Premises in Lawrence	)	Case No. 18-1666-GA-ABN
County, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code	)	
Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21.	)	

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**APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.  
FOR AUTHORITY TO ABANDON SERVICE  
TO NINE PREMISES IN LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO**

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Now comes Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (hereinafter "Columbia") and files its application, pursuant to R.C. §§ 4905.20 and §§ 4905.21, for authority to abandon retail natural gas service to nine premises in Lawrence County, Ohio. In support of its application, Columbia states that:

1. Columbia is a natural gas company and a public utility within the meaning of R.C. §§ 4905.02 and 4905.03, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
2. Columbia and its corporate predecessor have provided retail natural gas service to nine premises through a direct tap on Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC's (hereinafter "Columbia Transmission") Line 701, which is a high pressure, interstate transmission pipeline. Such service has been provided as partial consideration for a right-of-way, which permitted the pipeline to cross said premises.
3. Columbia Transmission has informed Columbia that a portion of Line 701 has been abandoned. This abandonment has prompted Columbia Transmission to abandon the taps of nine premises in Lawrence County.
4. Columbia has determined that it is not economically feasible to maintain natural gas service to the tap customers by extending Columbia's distribution system to serve the fourteen premises in question. Therefore, Columbia seeks authority to abandon service.

5. The names of the affected property owners and the addresses of the subject premises are as follows:

<b>Customer Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Alternative Fuel Source</b>
David R and Linda D. Lester	298 Twp. Road 251, South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane
Jack F. Whaley	669 Twp. Road 251, South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane
Daniel R and Kandel L. Cain	489 Twp. Road 251 South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane
Doris Jordan	871 Twp. Road 251 South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane
Jarvie and Ronda Howard	913 Twp. Road 251 South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane
Tobey and Keri McClean	993 Twp. Road 251 South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane
M. Scott and Joanna Rice	1113 Twp. Road 251 South Point, Ohio 45680	Wood
Earl C. and Carolyn S. Eldridge	1161 Twp. Road 251 South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane
Zachary R. and Hannah L. McCarty	1263 Twp. Road 251 South Point, Ohio 45680	Propane

All affected property owners have agreed to a disconnection and abandonment of service, and have been compensated to convert to an alternative fuel source.

6. For the reasons described herein, Columbia submits that the abandonment described herein is reasonable, having due regard for the welfare of the public and the cost of operating the service and related facilities.

**WHEREFORE**, Columbia respectfully asks the Commission to authorize the abandonment of retail natural gas service to the premises listed above.

Respectfully submitted by,

**COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.**

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