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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of )  
The Suburban Fuel Gas, Inc., )  
Complainant, )  
v. ) Case No. 86-1747-GA-CSS  
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., )  
Respondent, )  
Relative to various alleged viola- )  
tions of the Ohio Revised Code. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- 1) On April 22, 1987, the attorney examiner granted provisionally the motion to intervene of the Office of Consumers' Counsel, state of Ohio (OCC) pending OCC's statement of specific grounds for intervention in this proceeding.
- 2) On May 1, 1987, OCC filed an informational response regarding its motion to intervene. OCC stated that the protection of the interests of residential ratepayers would be impaired absent OCC's intervention. In addition, OCC stated that competition between Ohio gas distribution companies has a potential adverse impact on residential consumers and that the allegations made in this complaint have the potential to affect residential customers adversely. OCC argued that the charging of discriminatory rates is unfair to customers who pay full rates. According to OCC, residential customers would be prejudiced if a utility shifts costs to general service rates. OCC asserts that residential customers have an interest to ensure that utilities do not engage in predatory practices.
- 3) Although OCC's grounds for intervention remain somewhat vague in the context of this complaint proceeding, the examiner notes that neither the complainant nor the respondent has objected to the intervention of OCC. As a result of the lack of objection to the

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intervention, the examiner sees no reason to deny OCC's intervention in this complaint in spite of the requirement that an intervenor have a real and substantial interest in the proceeding and that the interest not be adequately represented by existing parties.

- 4) OCC's intervention in this proceeding should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That OCC's motion to intervene in this proceeding is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

By: Colleen L. Mooney  
Colleen L. Mooney  
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Secretary

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