

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC. FOR
APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS NATURAL
GAS TARIFF.

CASE NO. 20-1556-GA-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on November 18, 2020

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. to revise and amend its natural gas tariff.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia or Company) is a natural gas company and a public utility, as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and 4905.02, respectively. As such, Columbia is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.

{¶ 4} On September 25, 2020, Columbia filed an application to amend the rules and regulations in its tariff to mirror changes to its tariff filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The amendments to Columbia's FERC tariff were approved by FERC on August 31, 2020. Columbia states that the tariff changes will enable the Company to have a more comprehensive gas quality standard dependent upon the origin of natural gas entering its system. More specifically, Columbia indicates that the changes to the tariff provide for a more detailed list of particulate and chemical compounds and levels that the Company will require any gas to meet when introduced to its system; establish a more formalized gas quality testing methodology to ensure that any supplier providing gas to Columbia's system has a clear understanding of testing requirements; and set forth the

multiple origins of natural gas supply and define which chemical and particulate standards would likely apply to the natural gas origin.

{¶ 5} On October 14, 2020, Staff filed its review and recommendation of Columbia's application. Based on its review of the application, Staff states the application is reasonable and recommends it be approved by the Commission.

{¶ 6} Upon review of Columbia's application and Staff's review and recommendation, the Commission finds that the application does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and that it should be approved. Further, the Commission finds that no hearing is necessary in this case.

III. ORDER

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Columbia's application to revise and amend its natural gas tariff be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 9} 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,

{¶ 10} 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,

{¶ 11} 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,

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

M. Beth Trombold
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Daniel R. Conway
Dennis P. Deters

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