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RE: In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Abandon Service in Case No. 18-1662-GA-ABN

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. seeking authority to abandon service to twelve premises in Case No. 18-1662-GA-ABN.

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Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.
Case No. 18-1662-GA-ABN

SUMMARY

On November 8, 2018, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) filed an application seeking to abandon service to twelve premises in Rockbridge, Logan, and McArthur, Ohio. These customers are served via farm taps to premises through a direct tap on Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC's (Columbia Transmission) Line R-501, which is a high pressure, interstate transmission pipeline. Columbia Transmission informed Columbia that a portion of Line R-501 has been abandoned and replaced with new coated steel pipeline. This replacement prompted Columbia Transmission to abandon the farm taps on the lines. Columbia has determined that it is not economically feasible to maintain natural gas service to the farm tap customers by extending Columbia's distribution system to serve the twelve premises in question.

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

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 finds that the application filed by Columbia is reasonable and should be approved.

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