

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority)	
to Amend its Filed Tariffs to Increase the)	Case No. 21-637-GA-AIR
Rates and Charges for Gas Services and)	
Related Matters.)	

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of)	Case No. 21-638-GA-ALT
an Alternative Form of Regulation.)	

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of)	
a Demand Side Management Program)	Case No. 21-639-GA-UNC
for its Residential and Commercial Cus-)	
tomers.)	

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval to)	Case No. 21-640-GA-AAM
Change Accounting Methods.)	

**JOINT MOTION OF
THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL AND
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") and Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") jointly move to extend the filing date for both intervenors and Columbia of direct testimony and supplemental testimony, respectively, to Friday, May 13, 2022. OCC likewise withdraws the Motion to Extend filed on April 25, 2022 in lieu of this Joint Motion being filed. Both parties acknowledge the need for additional time to complete the testimony in this proceeding, but request that the remainder of the procedural schedule stay unchanged. Therefore, OCC and Columbia respectfully request the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to approve this extension. OCC and Columbia also seek an expedited ruling under

Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C). As of this filing, OCC and Columbia can certify that all other parties do not oppose an expedited ruling.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On May 28, 2021, and on June 30, 2021, Columbia filed a Notice of Intent to File and an Application for an Increase in Rates pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, respectively. The Commission Staff filed its Staff Report of Investigation (“Staff Report”) on April 6, 2022. On April 25, 2022, OCC filed a motion to extend the deadline to file direct expert testimony by two weeks. After the filing, OCC and Columbia agreed to withdraw the initial motion and file the instant motion requesting a one-week extension, if approved, would set the deadline for both intervenor direct expert testimony as well as Columbia’s supplemental testimony at May 13, 2022.

Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-29(1)(a) and (b) provide that both applicant and intervenor testimony are due on “the deadline for filing objections to the staff report of investigation.” As recognized in the Attorney Examiner’s April 14, 2022 Entry, R.C. 4909.19 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B) require that all objections to the Staff Report are to be filed within 30 days of the filing of said report. Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A) permits the extension of deadlines for good cause shown.

The current deadline for the filing of objections to the Staff Report is May 6, 2022. In accordance with the above-stated procedural rules, the deadline for filing direct expert testimony on behalf of intervenors and Columbia’s supplemental testimony is also May 6, 2022. Columbia and OCC (“Movants”) recognize the current press of regulatory activity for which several of the intervenors are involved. In order to ease the time burden associated with these testimony deadlines, Movants request a one-week extension for the filing of all testimony currently due May 6, 2022 to May 13, 2022. Testimony is currently due in less than two weeks. Thus, Movants and parties would benefit from prompt notice regarding whether the testimony due date will change. Therefore, Movants request an expedited ruling on the motion under Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C). Movants can at this time certify that all other parties do not object to an expedited ruling on this motion.

WHEREFORE, Columbia and OCC respectfully request that the Commission find that good cause exists to, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A), extend the deadline for filing intervenor direct expert testimony and Columbia’s supplemental testimony to May 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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