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Industrial Energy Users-Ohio ("IEU-Ohio") respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"), pursuant to R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-11, for leave to intervene in the above-captioned matter with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission, specifically by statute or by the provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code, to intervening parties.

On June 30, 2021, Columbia Gas of Ohio ("Columbia Gas") filed an Application for Authority to Increase Rates, for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan, for Approval of a Demand Side Management Program, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods. Columbia's application includes proposed changes to its demand side management plan and changes to riders and their rates. IEU-Ohio members include customers of Columbia that pay the rates subject to Columbia's application in this proceeding.

Accordingly, resolution of this matter may directly affect rates paid by IEU-Ohio members. As demonstrated further in the Memorandum in Support, IEU-Ohio has a direct, real, and substantial interest in the issues and matters involved in the above-captioned proceedings and is so situated that the disposition of this proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest. IEU-Ohio believes that its participation will not unduly prolong or delay this proceeding and that it will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the factual and other issues. The interests of IEU-Ohio will not be adequately represented by other parties to the proceeding and, as such, IEU-Ohio is entitled to intervene with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission, specifically by statute and by the provisions of Commission rules to intervening parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

In support of this Motion to Intervene, IEU-Ohio states that it is an association of ultimate customers. IEU-Ohio's members purchase substantial amounts of natural gas, electric and related services from utilities regulated by the Commission, including from Columbia.

IEU-Ohio's members work together to address matters that affect the availability and price of utility services. Additionally, IEU-Ohio seeks to promote customer-driven policies that will assure an adequate, reliable, and efficient supply of energy for all consumers at competitive prices. To this end, IEU-Ohio has worked and will continue to work to produce legislative, regulatory, and market outcomes that are consistent with the State policy contained in R.C. 4929.02.

IEU-Ohio has a real and substantial interest inasmuch as this proceeding may directly or indirectly impact the provision of natural gas service to IEU-Ohio members' facilities. Specifically, IEU-Ohio's direct interest in this proceeding is the result of the effect that this proceeding shall have upon the price, adequacy, and reliability of the natural gas supply and related services within Ohio.

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