

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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

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**MOTION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.  
FOR A CONTINUANCE AND  
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

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Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (“Columbia”) moves to continue the commencement of the evidentiary hearing to August 9, 2022 and continuing through the following week. This motion results from mutual agreement amongst the parties that more time is needed for settlement discussions. Columbia and all intervening parties discussed this date at its most recent settlement conference and each party expressed non-opposition. Therefore, Columbia respectfully request that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approve this extension. Columbia further requests an expedited ruling under Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C). As of this filing, 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. On April 14, 2022, the Attorney Examiner issued an Entry establishing that on June 15, 2022, an evidentiary hearing will commence. On May 20, 2022, Columbia filed a motion for continuance and request for expedited ruling to move the evidentiary hearing from June 15, 2022 to July 13, 2022. On June 3, 2022, the Attorney Examiner granted Columbia's motion and continued the hearing to July 13, 2022. During this time, Columbia and the parties have participated in many settlement conferences. At the most recent of these meetings, the parties agreed that an extension of the evidentiary hearing would assist the settlement process.

Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A) empowers attorney examiners to continue hearings upon good cause shown. It is unlikely that the parties will be able to come to a settlement agreement prior to the current commencement date of the evidentiary hearing, July 13, 2022. More time is needed to continue to engage serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties to determine whether settlement is possible.

Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C) permits a movant to include a request for expedited treatment. The parties to this case would benefit from prompt notice regarding whether the evidentiary hearing date will change in order to remain focused on settlement discussion, rather than preparations for hearing. Columbia has discussed this fact with the parties and can certify that all parties do not object to an expedited ruling on this motion. As a result, an immediate ruling may be issued.

**WHEREFORE**, Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission find that good cause exists to, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A), continue the evidentiary hearing in this case to August 9, 2022 and continuing through the following week. Columbia further respectfully requests an expedited ruling on this Motion and can certify that no other party is opposed to both of these requests.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Summary: Motion Motion for Continuance, Request for Expedited Ruling, and  
Memorandum in Support of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. electronically filed by Mr.  
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