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Ms. Tanowa Troupe
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case Nos. 21-0637-GA-AIR, et al.

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Pursuant to R.C. 4909.42, if a proceeding has not concluded “at the expiration of two hundred seventy-five days from the date of filing the application, an increase not to exceed the proposed increase shall go into effect upon the filing of a bond or a letter of credit by the public utility[,]” subject to refund if the Commission ultimately authorizes rates below those proposed in the application.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (“Columbia”) filed its application in these proceedings on June 30, 2021. The two hundred seventy-fifth day after Columbia filed its application was April 1, 2022. Through this letter, Columbia notifies the Commission that it will not exercise its rights under R.C. 4909.42 and put its proposed rates into effect subject to refund.

Moreover, pursuant to R.C. 4909.42, if the Commission has not issued a final order “within five hundred forty-five days from the date of the filing of an application for an increase in rates under section 4909.18 of the Revised Code, a public utility shall have no obligation to make a refund of amounts collected after the five hundred forty-fifth day which exceed the amounts authorized by the commission's final order.”

As stated above, Columbia filed its application in these proceedings on June 30, 2021. The five hundred forty-fifth day after Columbia filed its application will be December 27, 2022. Through this letter, Columbia notifies the Commission that it will not exercise its rights under R.C. 4909.42 and put its proposed rates into effect on December 28, 2022, or for ninety days thereafter, unless those proposed rates have been approved by the Commission.

If the Commission has any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at the telephone number or e-mail address listed above.

Respectfully submitted by,

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

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Ms. Melissa L. Thompson on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.