BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Annual Application)	
of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an Ad-)	Case No. 22-0621-GA-RDR
justment to the CEP Rider Rate.)	

STATEMENT OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC., INFORMING THE COMMISSION WHETHER ISSUES RAISED HAVE BEEN RESOLVED

Now comes Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") in accordance with the Attorney Examiner's Entry dated July 21, 2022, submitting this Statement informing the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") whether the issues have been resolved.

On July 15, 2022, Staff filed its Staff Review and Recommendation recommending approval of Columbia's CEP Rider rates as filed on February 25, 2022 and as modified by the Blue Ridge Consulting Services Audit Report filed on June 29, 2022. On July 29, 2022, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") filed Objections to Columbia's Application and the Staff Review and Recommendation. Specifically, to protect consumers, OCC objected to charging consumers for capitalized incentive compensation in the CEP Rider.

Columbia, Staff, and OCC agree that any issues, including but not limited to, return on equity, revenue allocations, rate design, capitalized incentive compensation, and other issues impacting the subsequent adjustment of the CEP Rider rate to coincide with the proposed adjustment of base rates currently pending in Case Nos. 21-0637-GA-AIR, et al. ("Rate Case") and to reflect the April 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 CEP plant-in-service, will be addressed in the Rate Case. Columbia, Staff, and OCC further agree that, in the event the Commission finds in the Rate Case that capitalized incentive compensation due to financial performance should not be charged to consumers in calendar year 2021 CEP plant-inservice, as advocated by OCC on behalf of consumers, then Columbia will refund to consumers the previously recovered capitalized incentive compensation due to financial performance with its calendar year 2022 CEP plant-in-service rate adjustment to be filed in Case No. 23-0621-GA-RDR. If the Commission issues an Opinion and Order in the Rate Case after Columbia's Application is filed in Case No.

23-0621-GA-RDR, and the Commission finds in the Rate Case that capitalized incentive compensation due to financial performance is inappropriate to charge to consumers for calendar year 2021 CEP plant-in-service, as advocated by OCC, then Columbia will file revised schedules in Case No. 23-0621-GA-RDR as soon as practicable reflecting the refund to consumers of the previously collected capitalized incentive compensation due to financial performance in the CEP Rider for calendar year 2021 plant-in-service.

Therefore, all issues in this case have been resolved and Columbia anticipates a hearing is not necessary in this proceeding. However, joining this Statement does not limit Parties from pursuing issues from this case in Columbia's Rate Case or Columbia's 2022 CEP Rider Case (Case No. 23-0621-GA-RDR).

Respectfully submitted,

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