

**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.)	

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

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A), Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") moves to continue the evidentiary hearing in this case so that it commences on November 1, 2022, at 11:00 am. This motion results from mutual agreement amongst the parties that more time is needed for settlement discussions. The parties discussed this motion at their most recent settlement conference, and each party has expressed that they do not oppose the motion. Therefore, Columbia respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approve this continuation. Columbia further requests an expedited ruling under Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C). Columbia can certify that all parties do not oppose an expedited ruling.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On June 30, 2021, Columbia filed an Application for an Increase in Rates pursuant to R.C. 4909.18. On April 14, 2022, the Attorney Examiner issued an Entry scheduling an evidentiary hearing to begin on June 15, 2022. 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. On June 29, 2022, Columbia filed a motion for continuance and request for expedited ruling to move the evidentiary hearing from July 13, 2022 to August 9, 2022. On July 1, 2022, the Attorney Examiner granted Columbia's motion and continued the hearing to August 9, 2022. On July 28, 2022, Columbia filed a motion for continuance and request for expedited ruling to move the evidentiary hearing from August 9, 2022 to October 18, 2022. On August 5, 2022, the Attorney Examiner granted Columbia's motion and continued the hearing to October 18, 2022.

Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A) empowers attorney examiners to continue hearings upon good cause shown. Here, good cause is present. More time is needed to continue to engage in serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties to determine whether settlement is possible and to finalize the terms of that settlement.

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. Columbia has discussed this request 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.

For all of these reasons, Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission find that good cause exists, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A), to continue the evidentiary hearing in this case to commence on November 1, 2022, at 11:00 am. Columbia further respectfully requests an expedited ruling on this Motion and can certify that no other party opposes these requests.

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Summary: Motion for Continuance and Request for Expedited Ruling electronically filed by Mr. Eric B. Gallon on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.