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Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe Director, Office of Administration Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

In the Matter of the Application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Amend its Filed Tariffs to Increase the Rates and Charges for Gas Services and Related Matters

Dear Ms. Troupe:

On October 31, 2022, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") filed the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation in the above-referenced proceedings. Subsequent to the filing, Columbia discovered the need to clarify the Stipulation to correct a reference from Appendix C to Appendix F. Specifically, on Section 5.d.

d. The Signatory Parties agree, as is shown on Stipulation <u>Appendix FAppendix C</u>, that Columbia will remove its meter test charge from its rates and tariffs, will remove the compounding of its late payment charge interest, will remove its proposal to add "pandemics" as a force majeure event, and will withdraw its proposal to add "sole" from its meter location tariff language....

For clarity, Appendix F will reflect the agreed-upon meter test charge, as discussed in the Staff Report, which will state:

SECTION II - METERING AND BILLING

^{1.} **___Quantity of Gas Delivered by Meter.** Gas will be measured by a meter installed by the Company, which shall be and remain the property of the Company. Subject to certain exceptions, enumerated below, consumption shall be determined on the basis of the meter registration and bills shall reflect the consumption so registered. Any mistake in reading the registration, however, shall not affect the liability for gas consumed as determined by a corrected reading of the registration. When the meter is not read, the Company may estimate the quantity of gas consumed and render a bill for such quantity.

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The Company shall test the meter, at the request of the ecustomer, in accordance with Section 4933.09 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 4901:1-13-04-(D) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The ecustomer or the ecustomer's representative may request to be present when the meter test is performed. If the meter is found to be correct, as above defined, the ecustomer shall pay the Meter Test Charge as set forth in Section IV, Part No. 6(el) of the Company's Rules and Regulations governing the distribution and sale of gas. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Customer shall be entitled to a free meter test, regardless of accuracy, once every three years.

SECTION IV - GENERAL

6. Miscellaneous Charges

The following charges shall apply to all classes of customers:

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(h) <u>Meter Test Charge</u>

If a meter is tested at the request of a customer and said test result demonstrates the meter was operating within accepted tolerances, a charge of forthy dollars (\$40.00) shall be assessed. If the residential customer has not requested a meter test within three years or the meter was not operating within accepted tolerances, there shall be no charge for the test or removal.

The Signatory Parties were advised of the need to make this clarification, and the Signatory Parties consent to this corrected filing.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary: Correspondence Correspondence and Stipulation Correction electronically filed by Mr. John R. Ryan on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio