

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC. FOR
APPROVAL TO AMEND ITS BILLING
ADJUSTMENTS FOR FULL REQUIREMENTS
COOPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION
SERVICE.

CASE NO. 22-793-GA-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

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I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. to revise its tariff to amend its billing adjustments for Full Requirements Cooperative Transportation Service.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.

{¶ 4} On August 22, 2022, Columbia filed an application to revise its tariff. In the application, Columbia proposes to amend its tariff at Section VII, Part 41.5 to eliminate the requirement to charge the Gross Receipts Tax Rider to natural gas cooperatives served by

Columbia.¹ Columbia represents that because cooperatives are treated as public utilities by the Ohio Department of Taxation, they are exempted from the collection of the Gross Receipts Tax. Columbia indicates that the proposed changes do not increase rates.

{¶ 5} On November 9, 2022, Staff filed correspondence indicating that it has reviewed the proposed tariff revision and recommends that it be approved.

{¶ 6} The Commission finds that Columbia's application to revise its tariff does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and that it should be approved. The Commission notes that no comments or motions to intervene were filed in response to the amended application. Finally, consistent with R.C. 4909.18, the Commission finds that no hearing is required in this case.

III. ORDER

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Columbia's application to revise its tariff be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Columbia be authorized to file its tariff, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Columbia shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

¹ Since the filing of the application, Columbia's tariff at Section VII, Part 41.5 was renumbered to Section VII, Part 38.5 in an updated tariff filing pursuant to the Opinion and Order in the Company's most recent rate case. See *In re Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 21-637-GA-AIR, et al., Opinion and Order (Jan. 26, 2023).

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair
Daniel R. Conway
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Dennis P. Deters
John D. Williams

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