

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Hamlin
Director of Regulatory Policy
Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Office

From: Christine M.T. Pirik
Chief, Gas and Power Siting Sections
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Legal Department

Date: May 31, 2013

Re: PUCO Response – Natural Gas Alternative Rate Plan and Exemption
Rules Contained in Chapter 4901:1-19, Ohio Administrative Code.

Following CSI's review of the process for the rules contained in Chapter 4901:1-19, Ohio Administrative Code, in which your staff made no recommendations for change, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio issued a finding and order adopting the rules. Thereafter, applications for rehearing were filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio granted Columbia Gas of Ohio's application for rehearing, in part, and revised portions of the rules, and denied the remainder of the applications for rehearing. On February 27, 2013, your office was notified of this action by a response memorandum. Thereafter, a second application for rehearing was filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio, which the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio granted on April 24, 2013, revising a portion of the rules. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio will now submit the revised rules to the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

cc: Eric Weldele, Chief of Staff, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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