

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Gary J. and Amy L. Seraly

v.

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation and
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

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Docket No.
C-20015964

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FIRST INTERIM ORDER

On July 27, 2001, Gary J. and Amy L. Seraly filed a formal Complaint against Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia Transmission) seeking natural gas service to their residence. The Commission served the Complaint upon Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania (Columbia Gas of PA) instead of Columbia Transmission. On September 6, 2001, Columbia Gas of PA filed an Answer and Motion to Dismiss, asserting that, although the Complaint had been served upon it, the Complaint does not, as required by Section 701 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §701, identify an act done or omitted to be done by Columbia Gas of PA in violation or claimed violation of a statute which the Commission has jurisdiction to administer, or of a regulation or order of the Commission.

On October 1, 2001, Complainants filed an Amended Complaint adding Columbia Transmission as a Respondent, and an Answer to the Motion to Dismiss. The certificate of service indicates that Complainants served a copy of the Amended Complaint upon two attorneys at NiSource Corporate Services, but it appears that these attorneys represent Columbia Gas of PA, not Columbia Transmission. There is no

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indication that the Commission served a copy of the Amended Complaint upon Columbia Transmission.

Columbia Transmission has not filed an Answer to the Complaint or to the Amended Complaint. To remedy this, I am joining Columbia Transmission as a party to this proceeding. Along with the copy of this order being sent to Columbia Transmission is a copy of the Complaint, the Amended Complaint and the Notice scheduling this matter for an Initial Telephonic hearing on May 16, 2002. Columbia Transmission has until April 18, 2002, to file an Answer.

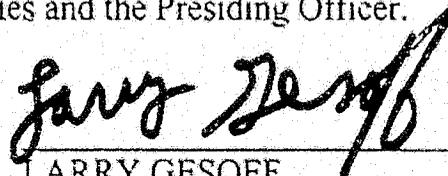
I am not ruling on the Motion to Dismiss at this time.

Therefore, in accordance with the foregoing;

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation is added as a respondent to this proceeding.
2. That Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation has until April 18, 2002, to file an Answer to the Complaint, as amended, of Gary J. and Amy L. Seraly upon the Secretary of the Commission, all parties and the Presiding Officer.

Dated, March 26, 2002



LARRY GESOFF
Administrative Law Judge