

By: John H. Gage

ORDINANCE NO. 33-79

Pursuant to §4909.34, Ohio Revised Code, as amended by Amended House Bill No. 156, 113th General Assembly, authorizing municipalities to band together to establish uniform rates for utility service, fixing and regulating the price that may be charged by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., its successors or assigns, for gas to the City of Bexley, Ohio, and to its inhabitants, for the period of Two Years from and after the effective date of this ordinance; and repealing Ordinance No. 2-77 passed by the Council of the City of Bexley, Ohio, on the 25th day of January, 1977.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEXLEY, OHIO:

SECTION 1: That, for the period of Two Years from and after the effective date of this ordinance, the maximum price which Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., its successors or assigns, (the Company) shall be permitted to charge for and the minimum price at which it or they shall be required to furnish gas to the City of Bexley, Ohio (Municipality) and to its inhabitants, shall be and the same is hereby fixed for each individual consumer, as follows:

A Customer Charge of \$3.25 per meter per month, regardless of the amount of gas consumed, and

23.972 cents per one hundred cubic feet per meter per month, for all gas consumed.

PURCHASED GAS COST ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS

The service rates prescribed above are subject to an adjustment for any change in the average cost of gas purchased by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., (Company) from all sources of supply, and are predicated upon the average historic cost of gas purchased by the Company of 181.31 cents per one thousand cubic feet. This rate is hereinafter referred to as the "base average rate". The base average rate of this fuel cost clause was based on the average historic cost of gas purchased for the twelve months ended June 30, 1978, at historic supplier rates in effect on June 1, 1978. Any difference between the base average rate and the current "adjusted average rate" will apply immediately upon the effective date of these Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Provisions.

A. Purchased Gas Adjustment

(1) Semi-Annual Adjustments Effective With Bills Rendered on or About April 1 and October 1 of Each Year

Based on volumes purchased during the twelve billing months ended January and July of each year, the Company shall determine the current average cost of gas purchased and such "adjusted average rate" shall be compared to the base average rate stated above to determine the increase or decrease per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet to the nearest one-hundredth of a cent. This shall be the "purchased gas adjustment" that will apply effective with bills rendered on or about April 1 and October 1, respectively. If, during the twelve-month period under consideration, the Company has commenced purchasing gas under new contracts or has made significant changes in its purchases from existing suppliers and the effects of these changes in sources of supply have not been in effect for the full twelve-month period, then the Company will adjust the actual volumes purchased during such twelve-month period to reflect the effects of such change in source of supply for a full twelve-month period. The adjustment on or about April 1 will be based on the twelve-month billing period ended January of the same year utilizing supplier rates in effect on the following March 1 of that year. The adjustment on or about October 1 will be based on the twelve-month billing period ended July of the same year utilizing supplier rates in effect on the following September 1 of that year.

(2) Interim Adjustments

If in the intervening period between semi-annual adjustments there is a significant change in source of supply or in supplier rates, the effect of which is to produce an increase or decrease in the adjusted average rate by at least one (1) cent per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet, then a new adjusted average rate shall be determined utilizing the most recently available twelve months of gas purchased adjusted to reflect changes in source of supply. The current or new supplier rates will be applied to these volumes to determine the new adjusted average rate and the difference between this new adjusted average rate and the base average rate, to the nearest one-hundredth of a cent per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet, shall be the purchased gas adjustment effective with bills rendered on and after the 30th day following the date on which the change in source or supplier rates was first reflected in billings to the Company, or the 30th day following the filing of notice by the Company, whichever date is later.

B. Actual Cost Adjustment and Refunds

The purpose of this section is to provide fuel cost clause coverage for cost increases or cost decreases not covered in Section A, above. It is intended that minor cost changes of less than one (1) cent per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet be temporarily deferred until the next regular semi-annual fuel cost clause adjustment and that such deferred cost increases or decreases shall then be recovered or paid back over the next six (6) month period. This section shall not operate so as to duplicate any cost recovery made pursuant to Section A, above.

The Company will maintain a continuing cumulated balance of monthly comparisons of the actual total Company cost of gas purchased as shown on the books and records of the Company, exclusive of refunds, and the total Company cost of gas purchased for the same month priced at the average rate used to determine the purchased gas adjustment applied to service rates pursuant to Section A of this fuel cost clause. Such cumulated balance shall be reduced to reflect the effect of the applicable Actual Cost Adjustment in effect for that month applied to total Company volumes purchased for that month.

For each six (6) month billing period ended January and July subsequent to March 31, 1974, an "Actual Cost Adjustment" will be determined by dividing the cumulated balance as of that date by total volumes purchased during the six (6) month period ended on that date. This adjustment will be rounded to the nearest one-hundredth of a cent to determine the increase or decrease per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. The January calculation will be effective on or about April 1 and will remain in effect until superseded by the July calculation, which will be in effect on or about October 1.

If, during the six months under consideration, the Company shall have received a refund or refunds from its suppliers, such refunds shall be listed separately and included as a deduction from the cumulated balance used to determine the Actual Cost Adjustment pursuant to this Section B.

C. General Provisions

(1) The penalty provisions of Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation's (Transmission's) FPC Gas Tariff shall not apply to Section A and B of this fuel cost clause and any Transmission penalty charges or rate adjustments made pursuant to such penalty provisions shall not be used to determine an adjustment pursuant to this Fuel Cost Clause.

(2) The Company shall file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Clerk of Council of the Municipality thirty (30) days prior to the effective date, computations in support of the above fuel cost clause adjustment together with a notice that the adjustment will be placed in effect as of 12:01 A.M., on the effective date. Such filing shall show the current adjustment and cumulative adjustment to be placed into effect on the effective date. Computations in support of the fuel cost clause adjustment shall conform to any rule and regulation which may be issued or effective by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio respecting such fuel cost clause adjustment.

SECTION 2: That it is expressly conditioned the service to be rendered by said Company, its successors or assigns, pursuant to this ordinance shall be primarily for domestic and commercial purposes and the service shall not be extended to other consumers of different classes until after all reasonable requirements for domestic and commercial purposes are fully met, and this provision shall be binding upon said Company, its successors or assigns, during each month of each year; but during any month or year, subject to the foregoing limitations and after compliance with the foregoing provisions gas may be delivered to any other consumer and additional classes of consumers at such times and under such conditions and for such rates as may be agreed upon between the Company and such consumer or consumers.

SECTION 3: The terms and conditions of the service to be rendered shall conform with and be subject to the Rules and Regulations for furnishing gas service of the Company on file with and approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

SECTION 4: That the gas furnished or delivered pursuant to the terms of this ordinance, by the said Company, shall have an average heating value of 1,000 British thermal units per cubic foot for any consecutive twelve month period subject to a variance of not more than five percent upward or downward.

SECTION 5: That it is hereby declared to be the intent of the City of Bexley to establish uniform rates with the following municipalities included within the Pre-Filing Notices filed by the Company with the Public Utilities Commission on July 13, July 27, and August 3, 1979, Grove City, Whitehall, Groveport, Westerville, Reynoldsburg, Grandview Heights, Gahanna, Upper Arlington, Worthington, New Rome, Obetz, Canal Winchester, Marble Cliff, Hilliard, Dublin, New Albany, Riverlea, Brice, Minerva Park, Bexley, Urbancrest, and Valleyview, pursuant to the authority established by Amended House Bill No. 156, in new §4909.34, Ohio Revised Code, empowering a group of municipal corporations to compel a gas or natural gas company to negotiate a single schedule applying to each municipality in the group.

SECTION 6: That should the Company refuse to accept the rates established hereby, and thereafter file a complaint with the Public Utilities Commission, the City of Bexley requests the Commission to require the Company to file a uniform cost of service study which includes the service area of all municipalities identified in Section 5, supra, in order to establish a uniform rate for each municipality, pursuant to §4909.34, Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7: That any ordinance or resolution, or part of an ordinance or resolution, inconsistent herewith, is, to the extent of such inconsistency, hereby repealed.

SECTION 8: That should any section or part of a section or provision of this ordinance be declared void, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 9: That Ordinance No. 2-77 passed by the Council of the City of Bexley, Ohio, on the 25th day of January, 1977, be and the same hereby repealed.

SECTION 10: That this ordinance shall become effective at the rate allowed by law.

Enacted: 10-9, 1979

Attest: John H. Hays
Clerk of Council

Jeffrey S. ...
President of Council

Approved: 0209, 1979

David H. Madison
MAYOR

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