

125 FERC ¶ 61,116
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Before Commissioners: Joseph T. Kelliher, Chairman;
Sudeen G. Kelly, Marc Spitzer,
Philip D. Moeller, and Jon Wellinghoff.

Charles R. Ogle and Melanie A. Ogle

v.

Docket No. CP08-479-000

Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation

ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT

(Issued October 29, 2008)

1. On September 15, 2008, Charles R. Ogle and Melanie A. Ogle filed a complaint against Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (Columbia) regarding an Oil, Gas and Storage Lease entered into on November 16, 1971, by Ethel G. Donahue, Ms. Ogle's grandmother and predecessor owner of the land, and Columbia. The Ogles contend that Columbia unfairly coerced Ms. Donahue into signing the lease by making dishonest claims. The Ogles, the current owners of the land, raise a number of concerns related to the lease, and seek revisions to the lease to address those concerns.

2. Under Rule 206(a) of the Commission's regulations any person may "file a complaint seeking Commission action against any other person alleged to be in contravention or violation of any statute, rule, order, or other law administered by the Commission, or for any other alleged wrong over which the Commission may have jurisdiction."¹ The Commission has no jurisdiction over oil and gas leases, and therefore lacks jurisdiction to consider this matter.² To the extent the Ogles seeks additional

¹ 18 C.F.R. § 385.206 (a) (2008).

² See, e.g., *Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.*, 124 FERC ¶ 61,230, at P 29 (2008).

compensation under an existing lease agreement, the remedy lies in the court or agency with the appropriate jurisdiction. Thus, the Ogle's complaint is dismissed.

By the Commission.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.