

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Expansion of the	)	
Electronic Filing Pilot Project and Waiver of	)	Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR
Procedural Rules 4901-1-02 through 4901-1-	)	
04, Ohio Administrative Code.	)	
 Duke Energy Ohio	)	Case No. 07-218-GA-GCR
East Ohio Gas Company, dba Dominion	)	Case No. 07-219-GA-GCR
East Ohio	)	
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio	)	Case No. 07-220-GA-GCR
Columbia Gas of Ohio	)	Case No. 07-221-GA-GCR

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) By entry issued July 26, 2006 in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR (06-900), the Commission expanded its initiative to permit the electronic filing of documents via the internet (E-filing) using the PUCO's Docketing Information System (DIS), pursuant to Ohio's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, Chapter 1306, Revised Code. The entry established procedures for the voluntary participation of parties who agree to conventions for validation of filings and signatures, electronic service of documents, and waiver of certain requirements contained in Rules 4901-1-02 to 4901-1-04, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). Rules 4901-1-02 and 4901-1-03, O.A.C., contemplate the filing of paper copies of applications and other documents, but also include provisions for filing via facsimile. Rule 4901-1-04, O.A.C., requires that applications be signed by the filers or their attorneys. Under the Commission's pilot program, these rules are relaxed to the extent necessary to permit the E-filing of documents under specific circumstances. Pursuant to the July 26, 2006 entry, telecommunications companies have been allowed to E-file documents required by Rule 4901:1-6-19, O.A.C., in their CTR dockets; and any utility is permitted to electronically file documents in its tariff repository (TRF) case.
- (2) We now believe expansion of this pilot program is warranted to allow greater participation in the development of the DIS E-filing processes and procedures. Three more circumstances have

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been identified by the Commission's staff as good candidates for such expansion:

- (a) The filing of monthly gas cost recovery reports pursuant to Rule 4901:1-14-04, Revised Code, by the four large gas distribution companies.
- (b) Proceedings involving applications to issue securities (AIS applications) filed by any Ohio regulated utility, pursuant to Sections 4905.40, 4905.401, 4905.41 and 4905.42, Revised Code.
- (c) Transcripts of hearings in any type of proceeding.

Initially, the filing of monthly gas cost recovery reports would be limited to Duke Energy Ohio, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, and Columbia Gas of Ohio and the monthly updates to the standard service offer rate of East Ohio Gas Company, dba Dominion East Ohio. In addition to these reports, the corresponding updates of the appropriate tariff sheet page reflecting the revised gas cost rates could also be E-filed.

With respect to AIS Applications, any utility would be permitted to file applications pursuant to Sections 4905.40, 4905.401, 4905.41 and 4905.42, Revised Code, including all exhibits (i.e., balance sheets, income statements, and other relevant documents). In addition, any intervenor in these proceedings will have the option to E-file their motions to intervene or other filings in these proceedings.

- (3) In order to participate in this pilot program, individual filers who have not previously submitted a request for waiver of the procedural rules and participation agreement in the 06-900 docket must file such agreement in that case. A copy of this form is posted on the Commission's website under the electronic filing information link at :

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/PUCO/Docketing>.

Filers who have not already done so should also obtain a username and password, and submit an E-Filing profile following the instructions posted at the above URL. After the participation agreement is filed and the profile approved, an attorney examiner's entry will be issued authorizing the participant to begin E-filing. Filers will be able to log in to the DIS website and submit

documents in PDF and source formats. If a source document is not available, an explanation of the circumstances should be filed in its stead.

The PDF file will be time and date stamped by the system, and will function as the official filing. For verification purposes during this test period, filers will be required to submit, within two business days, one hard copy of the filing with a copy of the confirmation page attached in front, but the electronic filing will be treated as the official filing in the case. Filers should note that no confidential documents should be E-filed. Upon approval of the filing by the PUCO docketing staff, all E-filings are posted to the web and become publicly accessible. Filings submitted after 5:30 p.m. will, if accepted, be deemed filed on the following business day. Filers will use "/s/" followed by the signer's name to indicate a signature where applicable. Filers will also be required to comply with any other technical requirements posted on the Commission's website.

It is, therefore,

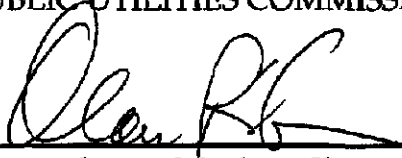
ORDERED, That the E-filing pilot project be expanded as set forth in Finding (2). It is, further,

ORDERED, That waiver of procedural requirements contained in Rules 4901-1-02 to 4901-1-04, O.A.C., be granted to E-filing participants in accordance with Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That parties, once authorized in the 06-900 docket, may begin E-filing the appropriate documents and/or in the appropriate cases as set forth in Finding (2). It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of this entry be served via all appropriate Commission electronic mail lists.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
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