

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. )

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. By entry issued January 10, 2007, E-filing was expanded to include hearing transcripts, AIS application cases, and monthly gas cost recovery reports for the four large gas distribution companies.
- (2) The Commission's staff has identified two additional case types where expansion of this pilot program is deemed appropriate:
  - (a) Applications to amend tariff (ATA) proceedings.

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- (b) Telephone ZTA cases (introduction of new tariffed service(s), textual revision, correction of error, addition of service area(s), etc. with 0-day notice.

While both types of cases are initiated by utility filings, 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. All E-filings are posted to the web and become publicly accessible upon approval by the PUCO Docketing staff. 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,

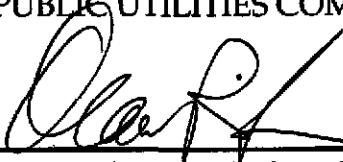
ORDERED, That the E-filing pilot project be expanded as set forth in Finding (2). It is, further,

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 in the appropriate cases as set forth in Finding (2). It is, further,

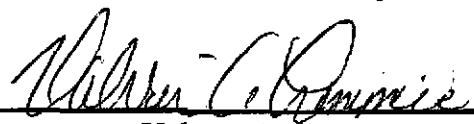
ORDERED, That notice of this entry be served via all appropriate Commission electronic mail lists.

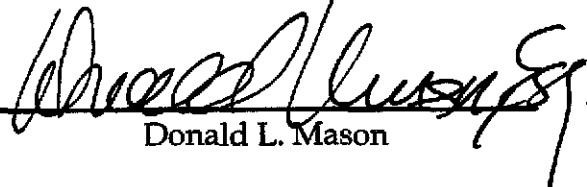
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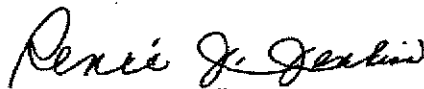
  
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