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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of)
Eastern Natural Gas Company, for Approval)
of an Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a)
Revenue Decoupling Mechanism)

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Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT

In the Matter of the Application of)
Pike Natural Gas Company, for Approval)
of an Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a)
Revenue Decoupling Mechanism)

Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company respectfully request a continuance of the hearing scheduled in these matters. Good cause exists for this Motion as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support. Neither the Staff, nor the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, nor Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy object to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company request that the hearing scheduled for September 25 in these matters be continued to a date and time to be determined.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Eastern Natural Gas Company, Pike Natural Gas Company, the Staff, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel and the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy have met to resolve the issues in the case. The parties are now reviewing revised language in an attempt to finalize a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation to be filed in these cases.

It is unlikely that the parties will be able to reach a final agreement on language prior to the hearing scheduled for September 25 in Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT and in Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT.

A continuance of the September 25 hearing is necessary for the parties to finalize a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation. The Applicants will continue to inform the Attorney Examiner as to the status of the Joint Stipulation.

Good cause exists for granting the request for continuance of the hearing. Neither the Staff nor the Ohio Consumers' Counsel nor Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy object to this motion.

The Applicants respectfully request that the September 25 hearing be continued to a date and time to be determined.

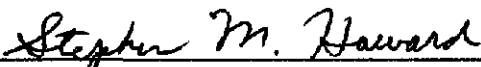
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion for Continuance of Hearings was served upon the following parties of record this 24th day of September, 2009, via electronic mail.



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