

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Eastern)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an) Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT
Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a Revenue)
Decoupling Mechanism.)

In the Matter of the Application of Pike)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an) Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT
Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a Revenue)
Decoupling Mechanism.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On May 1, 2009, Eastern Natural Gas Company (Eastern) and Pike Natural Gas Company (Pike) filed applications for approval of alternative rate plans proposing revenue decoupling mechanisms that provide for straight fixed variable rate designs, pursuant to Sections 4909.18, 4929.05, and 4929.051, Revised Code, in Case Nos. 08-940-GA-ALT and 08-941-GA-ALT, respectively. In addition, Pike and Eastern propose the establishment of demand side management programs and riders, and Eastern proposes a main line replacement rider.
- (2) By entries issued in these cases on June 16, 2009, the attorney examiner, *inter alia*, scheduled the evidentiary hearings for Pike and Eastern for September 9, and 10, 2009, respectively. Subsequently, by entry issued September 8, 2009, at the request of Pike and Eastern, the attorney examiner, *inter alia*, consolidated these cases and rescheduled the hearing for September 14, 2009.
- (3) At the hearing held on September 14, 2009, the parties in these cases requested that the hearing be continued until September 25, 2009, stating that the parties are in the process of finalizing stipulations to be filed in these cases.
- (4) On September 24, 2009, Pike and Eastern filed a motion for continuance of the September 25, 2009, hearing stating that the parties have not yet finalized the stipulations and requesting a

further continuance of the hearing. Rather than set a new hearing date, Pike and Eastern offer that they will continue to inform the attorney examiner of the parties' progress on finalizing the stipulations. Pike and Eastern attest that no party objects to this request for a continuance.

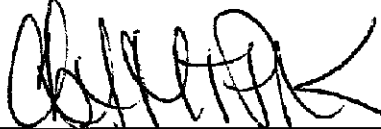
- (5) Upon consideration of the motion for continuance filed by Pike and Eastern, the attorney examiner finds that the request is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, the evidentiary hearing in these cases will be continued and the attorney examiner will issue an entry rescheduling the hearing at a later time.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion for continuance filed by Pike and Eastern be granted as set forth in finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Secretary