

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The East)
Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East)
Ohio to Adjust its Automated Meter) Case No. 09-1875-GA-RDR
Reading Cost Recovery Charge and Related)
Matters.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By opinion and order issued October 15, 2008, in *In the Matter of the Application of East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Authority to Increase Rates for its Gas Distribution Service*, Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR, et. al, the Commission approved a stipulation that, inter alia, provided that the accumulation by The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) of costs for the installation of automated meter reading (AMR) technology may be recovered through a separate charge (AMR cost recovery charge). The opinion contemplated periodic filings of applications and adjustments of the rate under the AMR cost recovery charge. By opinion and order issued May 6, 2009, in *In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio to Adjust its Automated Meter Reading Cost Recovery Charge and Related Matters*, Case No. 09-38-GA-UNC, the Commission approved DEO's current AMR cost recovery charge, thereby allowing DEO to recover costs incurred during 2008.
- (2) On November 30, 2009, DEO filed a prefiling notice of an application supporting a rate for the AMR cost recovery charge to recover costs incurred during 2009.
- (3) On March 1, 2010, DEO filed its application in the instant case, requesting an adjustment to the AMR cost recovery charge.
- (4) In order to accomplish the review of DEO's proposed adjustment to the AMR cost recovery charge, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) March 29, 2010 - Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) March 29, 2010 - Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the application.
 - (c) April 2, 2010 - Deadline for DEO to file a statement, informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.
 - (d) In the event all of the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, a hearing will commence on April 9, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- (5) In addition, the attorney examiner finds that, in the event that all of the issues raised in the comments are not resolved and this case must go to hearing, the following process must be followed by the parties:
- (a) In the event that some or all of the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such a stipulation with the Commission, by 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2010.
 - (b) Any party(ies) requesting a continuance of the hearing must file a motion to continue the hearing with the Commission, by 9:00 a.m. on April 8, 2010.
- (6) In light of the time frame for this proceeding, the examiner requires that, in the event that any motion is made in this proceeding, any memoranda contra shall be filed within three business days after the service of such motion, and a reply memorandum to any memorandum contra will not be accepted. Parties shall provide service of pleadings via hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail.

- (7) In addition, the attorney examiner finds that response time for discovery shall be shortened to seven days. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail. An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served in advance to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming.
- (8) The attorney examiner also finds that the instant case, which was originally docketed as Case No. 09-1875-GA-UNC, is more appropriately docketed with the RDR purpose code, as it specifically addresses the approval of the rider AMR. Accordingly, now and hereafter, Case No. 09-1875-GA-UNC should be designated as Case No. 09-1875-GA-RDR.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (4) be adopted. It is, further,


ORDERED, That the process set forth in finding (5) be adhered to by the parties. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the processes established in findings (6) and (7). It is, further,

ORDERED, That Case No. 09-1875-GA-UNC be, now and hereafter, designated as Case No. 09-1875-GA-RDR. 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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