BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

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

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<u>ENTRY</u>

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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 entry issued July 23, 2009, the motions to intervene filed by the office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) were granted.
- By entry issued September 8, 2009, at the request of Pike and (3) Eastern, the attorney examiner, inter alia, consolidated these cases.
- (4) Local public hearings were held in the service territories of Eastern and Pike, respectively, on July 20, 2009, and July 23, 2009.
- (5) By entry issued on September 24, 2009, the evidentiary hearing was continued.

- (6) On March 19, 2010, a joint stipulation and recommendation signed by Pike, Eastern, OPAE and the Commission's staff was filed. According to the joint stipulation, OCC neither supports nor opposes the joint stipulation and recommendation.
- (7) Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that the evidentiary hearing in this matter should be rescheduled for April 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing in this matter be rescheduled for April 22, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793. 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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