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 for Approval to Implement a Capital) Expenditure Program.)

Case No. 11-6024-GA-UNC

In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.

Case No. 11-6025-GA-AAM

<u>ENTRY</u>

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The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and a natural gas company under Section 4905.03(A)(5), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On December 23, 2011, DEO filed an application for authority to implement a capital expenditure program for the period of October 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012, pursuant to Sections 4909.18 and 4929.111, Revised Code. Additionally, DEO seeks accounting authority to capitalize post-in-service carrying costs on program investments for assets placed in service but not yet reflected in rates; defer depreciation expense and property tax expense directly associated with the assets placed in service; and establish a regulatory asset to which post-in-service carrying costs, depreciation expense, and property tax expense will be deferred for recovery. According to the application, a cumulative investment of \$95 million is projected for DEO's capital expenditure program. DEO states that it is not requesting cost recovery as part of this application and that recovery of any approved deferrals will be requested in a separate proceeding, not more than once each calendar year, commencing in 2013. DEO submits that approval of the application will not result in an increase in any rate or charge, and, therefore, that the application should be considered as an application not for an increase in rates under Section 4909.18, Revised Code.

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- (3) In order to assist the Commission in its review of DEO's application, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
 - (a) March 5, 2012 Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) March 12, 2012 Deadline for the filing of comments on the application by Staff and intervenors.
 - (c) March 22, 2012 Deadline for all parties to file reply comments.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (3) be adopted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties and other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

By:

Attorney Examiner

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