### **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 of Tariffs to Adjust its Automated Meter Reading Cost Recovery

Charge and Related Matters.

Case No. 11-5843-GA-RDR

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# MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE IN THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING SUBMITTED ON THE BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-13(A), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) respectfully requests a continuance of the April 17, 2012 testimony filing deadline and the April 18, 2012 hearing date. Staff also requests that the Commission issue an expedited ruling on this motion pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C). Staff requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule as follows:

- Deadline for parties and Staff to file testimony Friday April 27, 2012
- Hearing Wednesday, May 2, 2012<sup>1</sup>

Staff requests this continuance because its primary witness in this case has an unavoidable scheduling conflict that makes it very difficult for Staff adequately prepare for the current hearing date and testimony filing deadline. In addition, Staff and counsel for Staff have a number of approaching deadlines in other cases that will make it extremely difficult to have a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is Staff's understanding that the AMR Recovery Rider that is now in effect will continue until the Commission issues an Order in this case setting the new AMR Rider amount. Staff acknowledges that a Commission Order might not be issued in this matter by the first billing cycle of May 2012.

hearing in this matter over the next two weeks. Therefore, this proposed continuance will allow Staff to fully prepare for the hearing in this matter.

Staff discussed this continuance with counsel for all parties and the other parties do not object to this continuance or the request for expedited ruling. Furthermore, Staff has not previously requested any continuances in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Motion for Continuance** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record this April 16, 2012.

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