

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Application of The East)
Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East)
Ohio for Approval of Tariffs to Adjust its) Case No. 11-5843-GA-RDR
Automated Meter Reading Cost Recovery)
Charge to Recover Costs Incurred in 2011.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) In an 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 allowed accumulated costs for the installation of automated meter reading (AMR) technology by the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) to be recovered through a separate charge (AMR cost recovery charge). The opinion and order contemplated periodic filings of applications and adjustments of the rate under the AMR cost recovery charge.
- (2) On February 28, 2012, DEO filed an application supporting a rate adjustment for the AMR cost recovery charge to recover costs incurred during 2011.
- (3) By entry issued March 5, 2012, the attorney examiner issued a procedural schedule, which was subsequently modified by an entry issued March 30, 2012. In the March 30, 2012, entry, the attorney examiner set the deadline for filing expert testimony as April 17, 2012, and scheduled the hearing to commence on April 18, 2012.
- (4) On April 16, 2012, Staff filed a motion for continuance of the procedural schedule, along with a request for an expedited ruling. Staff moves to continue the date for filing expert testimony from April 17, 2012, to April 27, 2012. In addition, Staff moves that the hearing be rescheduled for May 2, 2012. As the basis for its request, Staff explains that its primary witness in this case has a scheduling conflict that precludes adequate preparation for the hearing and the filing of

testimony. As an additional reason for the motion, Staff points out that Staff and counsel for Staff have several approaching deadlines in other cases that conflict with preparation for this case. In support of its request for an expedited ruling, Staff notes that it has discussed the continuance with all parties and that none of the parties object to the proposed continuance or the expedited ruling.

- (5) The attorney examiner finds that the motion for continuance is reasonable and should be granted. As proposed, the deadline for filing expert testimony shall be April 27, 2012, and the date of the hearing shall be May 2, 2012. The hearing shall take place at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

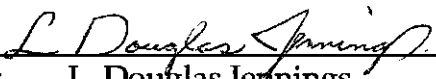
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for continuance be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the deadline for filing expert testimony shall be April 27, 2012, and the hearing shall take place on May 2, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215. It is, further,

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

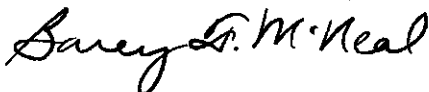
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