BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The East)	
Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East)	Case No. 12-319-GA-UEX
Ohio for Approval of an Adjustment to Its)	
Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate.)	

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) By Finding and Order dated December 17, 2003, in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC (Order), the Commission approved, in concept, an application brought jointly by five natural gas companies, including The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO), which proposed to alter the method by which the five recover uncollectible accounts expense. The Order provided discussion on several tangential issues and guidance as to implementation and reporting.
- (2) DEO's current uncollectible expense (UEX) rider rate of \$0.0261 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by Finding and Order dated July 15, 2011, in Case No. 11-319-GA-UEX.
- (3) On May 30, 2012, DEO filed the instant application to revise its existing UEX rider rate. The proposed rate is an increase to \$0.1525 per Mcf. Staff reviewed the application and, on June 22, 2012, filed its comments recommending approval.
- (4) In its comments, Staff also recommended that, in the next audit of DEO's riders, DEO's auditor should examine the monthly UEX balances and write-offs and recoveries for 2012 and the first quarter of 2013 and that any required adjustments or corrections be considered in a subsequent UEX rider application.
- (5) The Commission has reviewed the application and Staff's filed comments and finds that DEO's application is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. The Commission further finds that the recommendations contained in the Staff's June 22, 2012, filed comments, as described above, should also be adopted.

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That DEO is authorized to increase its UEX rider rate to \$0.1525 per Mcf. It is, further,

ORDERED, That DEO is authorized to file two complete copies of tariffs in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. DEO shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket (or may make such filing electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That, in DEO's next audit of DEO's riders, DEO's auditor shall perform the reviews described in this order. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any further proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record in this proceeding.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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