BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application to) Modify, in Accordance with Section) 4929.08, Revised Code, the Exemption) Granted to The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio in Case No.) 07-1224-GA-EXM.

Case No. 12-1842-GA-EXM

ENTRY ON REHEARING

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The Commission finds:

- (1)The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) is a natural gas company as defined by Section 4905.03(5), Revised Code, and a public utility as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2)On April 8, 2005, DEO filed an application requesting an exemption pursuant to Section 4929.04, Revised Code, and seeking approval of phase one of its plan to exit the merchant function. In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Approval of a Plan to Restructure Its Commodity Service Function, Case No. 05-474-GA-ATA (05-474). By opinion and order issued on May 26, 2006, in 05-474, the Commission approved DEO's application, as modified by the stipulation filed in that case, to undertake phase one of its proposal to test alternative, market-based pricing of commodity sales.
- (3) On June 18, 2008, in In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Approval of a General Exemption of Certain Natural Gas Commodity Sales Services or Ancillary Services, Case No. 07-1224-GA-EXM (07-1224), the Commission authorized DEO to implement phase two of its plan to exit the merchant function, in which DEO implemented a standard choice offer, wherein

suppliers bid for the right to supply gas in tranches to choice-eligible customers at a retail level.

- (4) On June 15, 2012, a joint motion to modify the order issued on June 18, 2008, in 07-1224, pursuant to Section 4929.08, Revised Code, was filed by DEO and the Ohio Gas Marketers Group (OGMG). A stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) signed by DEO, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), and OGMG was also filed on June 15, 2012.
- (5) Motions to intervene filed by Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE), OCC, and the Retail Energy Supply Association were granted by attorney examiner entry.
- (6) On January 9, 2013, the Commission issued its opinion and order granting the motion to modify the exemption order granted on June 18, 2008, in 07-1224, and approving the Stipulation.
- (7) Section 4903.10, Revised Code, provides that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for rehearing with respect to any matters determined by the Commission within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the journal of the Commission.
- (8) OPAE and DEO filed applications for rehearing of the Commission's January 9, 2013, order, on January 25, 2013, and February 4, 2013, respectively.
- (9) At this time, the Commission finds it appropriate to grant the applications filed by OPAE and DEO for the limited purpose of providing the Commission more time to consider the applications. Accordingly, the applications for rehearing filed by OPAE and DEO should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the applications for rehearing filed by OPAE and DEO be granted, in accordance with finding (9). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry on rehearing be served on all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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