

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense)
Rider of The East Ohio Gas Company) Case No. 13-319-GA-UEX
d/b/a Dominion East Ohio and Related)
Matters.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission 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, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) By Finding and Order issued on December 17, 2003, in *In the Matter of the Joint Application of The East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio, et al., for Approval of an Adjustment Mechanism to Recover Uncollectible Expenses*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, the Commission approved, in concept, an application brought jointly by five natural gas companies, including DEO, that proposed to alter the method by which the five recover uncollectible accounts expenses.
- (3) DEO's current uncollectible expense (UEX) rider rate of \$0.1525 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by Finding and Order dated July 2, 2012, in *In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense Rider of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio and Related Matters*, Case No. 12-319-GA-UEX.
- (4) On May 17, 2013, DEO filed an application proposing an updated UEX rider rate of \$0.1683 per Mcf for all customers in its service territory subject to the UEX Rider. The proposed rate reflects an increase of \$0.0158 per Mcf from DEO's currently effective rate of \$0.1525 per Mcf for its UEX rider. The net increase is attributable to: an under-

recovery of previously deferred uncollectible expenses in the amount of \$3,328,380.54 as of March 31, 2013, compared with an under-recovery of \$975,709.93 included in last year's calculation; and an increase in the estimated net uncollectible expense for the 12 months ending March 31, 2014, compared with the estimate included in last year's collection.

- (5) On May 24, 2013, staff of the Commission (Staff) filed comments on the proposed UEX rider adjustment and recommended that the adjustment be approved. Staff also recommended, for the next audit in 2014, that the monthly UEX balances and write-offs, and recoveries for 2013, and the first quarters of 2013 and 2014, and any required adjustments/corrections be incorporated.
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that the proposed increase is reasonable, that it is in the public interest, and should be approved. In addition, Staff's recommendations for the 2014 UEX review are reasonable and should be adopted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That DEO's application to increase its UEX rider to \$0.1683 per Mcf be approved and Staff's recommendations be adopted. 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 file electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR). It is, further,

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

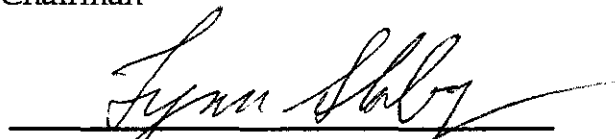
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any further proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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

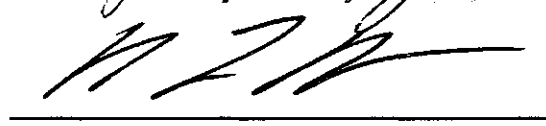
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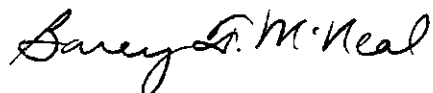

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