

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense)
Rider of Vectren Energy Delivery of) Case No. 14-320-GA-UEx
Ohio, Inc. and Related Matters.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) By Finding and Order issued December 17, 2003, in *In re Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, the Commission approved the application of five natural gas companies, including VEDO, to recover uncollectible accounts expenses (UEx) through riders.
- (3) VEDO's current UEx rider rate of \$(0.0179)¹ per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by Opinion and Order issued July 17, 2013, in *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 13-320-GA-UEx.
- (4) On May 30, 2014, VEDO filed an application to increase its UEx rider rate to \$0.0680 per Mcf, a increase of \$0.8590 per Mcf. The proposed rate consists of the following two components: the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense, net of recoveries as of April 30, 2014, and an estimate of net uncollectible accounts expense and recoveries for the 12 months ending April 30, 2015. The proposed rate is calculated so that past over-recoveries are eliminated and estimated ongoing bad debts are recovered as incurred, with the intent of arriving at a zero dollar balance as of April 2015.
- (5) On June 20, 2014, Staff filed comments on VEDO's application recommending approval of the proposed UEx rider rate.
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that the proposed adjustment to

¹ Throughout this Order, numbers in parenthesis indicate negative numbers.

VEDO's UEx rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That VEDO's application be approved and VEDO be authorized to increase the rate for its UEx rider to \$0.0680 per Mcf. It is, further,

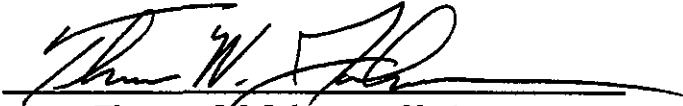
ORDERED, That VEDO is authorized to file two complete copies of tariffs in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. VEDO shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

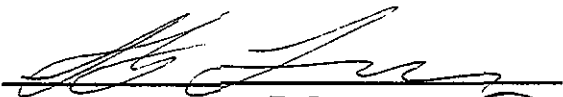
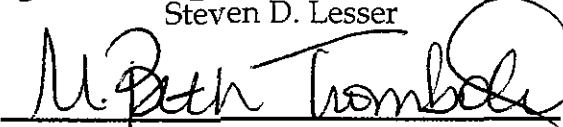
ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

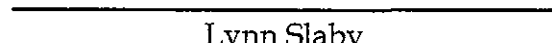
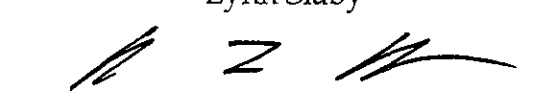
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any further proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

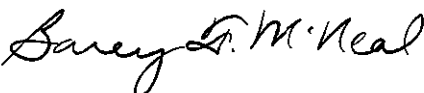

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