

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense)
Rider of Waterville Gas & Oil Company) Case No. 15-317-GA-UEX
and Related Matters.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Waterville Gas & Oil Company (Waterville) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) In Waterville's last rate case, the Commission approved a stipulation and recommendation, which among other things, an uncollectible expense (UEX) rider mechanism was established and the rider rate was initially set at \$.03 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Waterville Gas & Oil Co.*, Case No. 07-194-GA-AIR, Opinion and Order (Nov. 20, 2007). Subsequently, as part of the Commission's review of the uncollectible expense of natural gas companies with UEX riders, including Waterville, the companies were directed to file annual reports detailing their bad debt accounts and bad debt recovery calculations. *In re the Five-Year Review of Natural Gas Company Uncollectible Riders*, Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI, Finding and Order (Aug. 19, 2009) at 4-6.
- (3) Waterville's current UEX rider of \$0.0036 per Mcf was approved by the Commission on June 5, 2013. *In re Waterville Gas & Oil Co.*, Case No. 14-317-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (June 11, 2014).
- (4) On May 11, 2015, Waterville filed its application to revise its current UEX rider rate. As of April 30, 2014, Waterville's under-collection balance was \$622.79. As of April 30, 2015, Waterville's over-collection balance was \$(886.84).¹ Therefore, Waterville proposes to adjust the UEX rider and decrease it by \$0.0043, which results in a rate of \$(0.0007) per Mcf.

¹ Amounts shown in parenthesis indicate negative numbers.

- (5) On May 28, 2015, Staff reviewed the application and filed its comments. Staff believes that Waterville's application appropriately calculates the rider and recommends the proposed rate of (\$0.0007) per Mcf be approved.²
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the application filed on May 11, 2015, as well as Staff's filed comments, and finds that Waterville's application is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Waterville should be authorized to include the revised UEX rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates Waterville applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Waterville's application be approved and Waterville be authorized to decrease its UEX rider to \$(0.0007) per Mcf. It is, further,

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

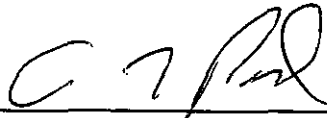
ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

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,

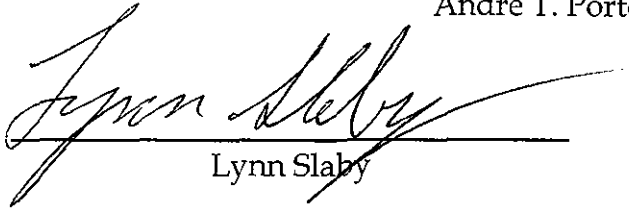
² A hearing was conducted on May 26, 2015 in this case on the audit which is unrelated to Staff's review of the UEX rate adjustment at issue in this Finding and Order.

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

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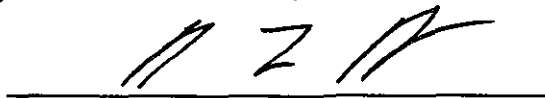
Andre T. Porter, Chairman



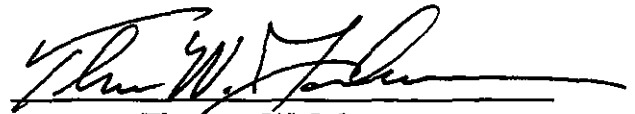
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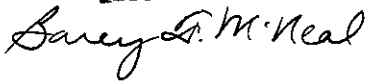


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