BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense Rider of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. and Related Matters.

Case No. 15-320-GA-UEX

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO) is a gas or natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02. As such, VEDO is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, in accordance with R.C. 4905.04 and 4905.05.
- (2) By Finding and Order issued December 17, 2003, in *In re 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 \$0.0680 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by the Commission on July 9, 2014, in *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.,* Case No. 14-320-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (July 9, 2014).
- (4) On May 29, 2015, VEDO filed this application to increase its UEX rider rate to \$0.08540 per Mcf, an adjustment of \$0.01740 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, 2015, and an estimate of net uncollectible accounts expense and recoveries for the 12 months ending April 30, 2016.
- (5) On July 2, 2015, 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 VEDO's UEX rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be

approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that VEDO should be authorized to include the revised UEX rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates VEDO applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That VEDO's application be approved and VEDO be authorized to increase the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.08540 per Mcf. It is, further,

ORDERED, That VEDO is authorized to file two complete copies of its revised 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 ON MISSION OF OHIO Andre T. Porter, Chairman Lynn Sla

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