BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's Review) of Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4901:5-1,) 4901:5-3, 4901:5-5, and 4901:5-7, Regarding) Gas and Electric Forecasting Rules.)

Case No. 15-53-GE-ORD

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) R.C. 111.15(B) requires all state agencies to conduct a review, every five years, of their rules and to determine whether to continue their rules without change, amend their rules, or rescind their rules. At this time, the Commission is reviewing the gas and electric forecasting rules contained in Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4901:5-1, 4901:5-3, 4901:5-5, and 4901:5-7.
- (2) On March 5, 2015, the Commission held a workshop in this proceeding to enable interested stakeholders to propose revisions to the rules found in Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4901:5-1, 4901:5-3, 4901:5-5, and 4901:5-7 for the Commission's consideration. Representatives of several interested stakeholders attended the workshop, with two stakeholders offering comments.
- (3) On November 18, 2015, the Commission invited public comment regarding Staff's proposed rules. Initial comments were to be filed by December 18, 2015, and reply comments were to be filed by January 8, 2016.
- (4) On December 7, 2015, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion for extension of time to file comments, a request for expedited ruling, and a memorandum in support. OCC states it is currently involved in a number of proceedings with pressing activity and, in order to give this case due diligence, it seeks a 45-day extension. Because comments are due on December 18, 2015, OCC requests an expedited ruling.
- (5) The attorney examiner finds that the motion is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, initial comments by all interested persons should be filed by February 1, 2016. Reply comments should be filed by February 22, 2016.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That OCC's motion for extension of time to file comments be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That all interested persons or entities wishing to file comments or reply comments with the Commission regarding the proposed rules do so no later than February 1, 2016, and February 22, 2016, respectively. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be sent to the gas-pipeline and electric industry listservs. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all electric distribution companies, gas and natural gas companies, certified competitive retail electric service providers and certified retail natural gas service suppliers, OCC, the Ohio Gas Association, the Ohio Petroleum Council, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, and all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Nicholas Walstra

By: Nicholas Walstra Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting extension of time to file comments; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Nicholas Walstra, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio