

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF
JAMES AND DEBORAH MASTERS,

COMPLAINANTS,

v.

CASE NO. 16-575-GA-CSS

THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A
DOMINION EAST OHIO,

RESPONDENT.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 1, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission finds that this complaint should be dismissed at the request of the parties.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory.

{¶ 3} The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03, and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 4} On March 16, 2016, the above-referenced complaint was filed with the Commission against DEO. In the body of the complaint, James and Deborah Masters allege that a construction company employed by DEO damaged electric lines and caused the loss of 220-volt power to their home. The complaint states that James and Deborah

Masters did not grant permission for digging on their property; therefore, they should not be responsible for the cost of repairing the electric lines.

{¶ 5} On April 6, 2016, DEO filed an answer denying the allegation in the complaint.

{¶ 6} On May 4, 2016, the parties filed a joint motion to dismiss the complaint. In the motion, the parties request an order dismissing the complaint with prejudice. Further, the parties state that this matter has been settled and that they have executed a confidential settlement agreement.

{¶ 7} In view of the settlement of the complaint, the Commission finds that this case should be dismissed and closed of record.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the joint motion to dismiss be granted and that Case No. 16-575-GA-CSS be dismissed with prejudice and closed of record. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

Commissioners Voting: Asim Z. Haque, Chairman; Lynn Slaby; M. Beth Trombold; Thomas W. Johnson.

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