THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION EAST OHIO FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISED BILL FORMAT.

CASE NO. 17-926-GA-UNC

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION EAST OHIO FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED TARIFFS.

CASE NO. 17-927-GA-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

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I. SUMMARY

 $\{\P 1\}$ The Commission approves the application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio to amend its bill format and tariffs to reflect a change in its trade name.

II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (Dominion or the Company) 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.
- {¶ 3} R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.
- {¶ 4} On April 6, 2017, Dominion filed an application to amend its bill format and tariffs, in order to reflect a change in its trade name from "Dominion East Ohio" to "Dominion Energy Ohio." In support of the application, Dominion states that, as part of

a corporate-wide branding initiative, its parent company, Dominion Resources, Inc., announced on February 6, 2017, that it is changing its name to "Dominion Energy, Inc.," subject to shareholder approval at the annual meeting on May 10, 2017. Dominion further states that the branding effort will also involve adoption by the subsidiary companies of revised legal or trade names to reference "Dominion Energy." Dominion explains that, although its trade name will change to "Dominion Energy Ohio," its legal name will remain "The East Ohio Gas Company," while its structure, ownership, rates, and services will also remain unchanged. According to Dominion, the proposed changes to its tariffs would incorporate the new trade name where necessary, as well as amend references to "Dominion Transmission, Inc." to "Dominion Energy Transmission, Inc." Dominion also notes that it proposes to change its bill format to incorporate the new trade name and a new logo that is being adopted as part of the branding effort. Finally, Dominion states that, although its customers will be notified of the use of the new trade name and logo by way of a bill insert, customers will not be responsible for any costs associated with the change in the Company's trade name or any portion of the branding initiative.

{¶ 5} The Commission finds that Dominion's application to amend its bill format and tariffs does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and that it should be approved. The Commission notes that no comments or motions to intervene were filed in response to the application. Finally, consistent with R.C. 4909.18, the Commission finds that no hearing is required in this case.

III. ORDER

- $\{\P 6\}$ It is, therefore,
- {¶ 7} ORDERED, That Dominion's application to amend its bill format and tariffs be approved. It is, further,

- {¶8} ORDERED, That Dominion be authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Dominion shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,
- {¶ 9} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,
- \P 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

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