

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
OHIO GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF  
AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS UNCOLLECTIBLE  
EXPENSE RIDER RATE.

CASE No. 17-311-GA-UEX

## FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on June 14, 2017

### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Ohio Gas Company to decrease its uncollectible expense rider rate.

### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas) 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} In Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEX, the Commission authorized Ohio Gas to implement an uncollectible expense (UEX) rider. *In re Ohio Gas Co.*, Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEX, Entry (Jan. 25, 2006).

{¶ 4} On July 20, 2016, the Commission approved Ohio Gas' current UEX rider rate of \$0.0038 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Ohio Gas Co.*, Case No. 16-311-GA-UEX, et al., Finding and Order (July 20, 2016).

{¶ 5} On May 5, 2017, in the above-captioned case, Ohio Gas filed an application to decrease its UEX rider rate to (\$0.0152)<sup>1</sup> per Mcf, as summarized below:

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in parentheses indicate negative numbers.

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Decrease
\$0.0038 per Mcf	(\$0.0152) per Mcf	\$0.0190 per Mcf

The proposed rate is comprised of two components: the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of March 31, 2017, and an estimate of net uncollectible accounts expense for the 12 months ending March 31, 2018.

{¶ 6} On May 18, 2017, Staff filed comments on Ohio Gas' application, recommending approval of the proposed UEX rider rate. Staff reviewed Ohio Gas' annual balance of actual uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of January 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017, and the proposed tariff sheets. Staff concluded that Ohio Gas calculated its UEX rider correctly and recommended that its proposed rate of (\$0.0152) per Mcf be approved.

{¶ 7} The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that the proposed adjustment to Ohio Gas' UEX rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Ohio Gas should be authorized to include the revised UEX rider rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates Ohio Gas applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Ohio Gas' application be approved and Ohio Gas be authorized to decrease the rate for its UEX rider to (\$0.0152) per Mcf. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Ohio Gas is authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Ohio Gas shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

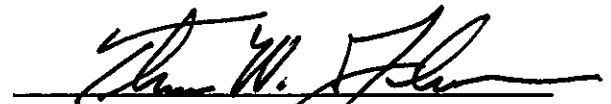
{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

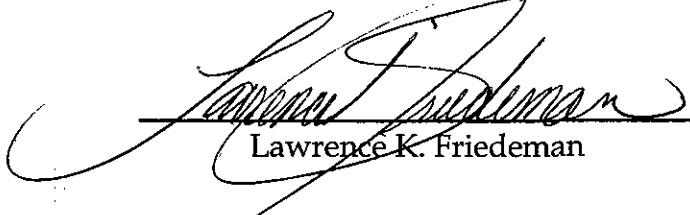
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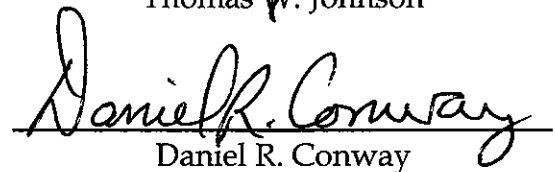
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