

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDIT OF
THE UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER
OF VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF
OHIO, INC.

CASE NO. 17-320-GA-UEX

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on July 26, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. to decrease its uncollectible expense rider rate.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (Vectren) 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} On December 17, 2003, the Commission approved the application of five natural gas companies, including Vectren, to recover uncollectible expenses (UEX) through riders. *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, Finding and Order (Dec. 17, 2003). Vectren was required to file annually with the Commission a report identifying the amounts recovered, deferred, and, as applicable, amortized under the UEX rider. In addition, Vectren was permitted to request an adjustment to the UEX rider.

{¶ 4} On August 3, 2016, the Commission approved Vectren's current UEX rider rate of \$0.0470 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 16-320-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (Aug. 3, 2016).

{¶ 5} On May 31, 2017, in the above-captioned case, Vectren filed an application to decrease its UEX rider rate to \$0.0397 per Mcf, as summarized below:

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Decrease
\$0.0470 per Mcf	\$0.0397 per Mcf	\$0.0073 per Mcf

The proposed rate is comprised of two components: the balance of Vectren's deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of April 30, 2017, and Vectren's estimated net uncollectible accounts expense and recoveries for the 12-month period ending April 30, 2018.

{¶ 6} On June 23, 2017, Staff filed its review and recommendations in regard to Vectren's application. Staff recommends approval of the proposed UEX rider rate.

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

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Vectren's application be approved and Vectren be authorized to decrease the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.0397 per Mcf. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Vectren is authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Vectren 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 tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,


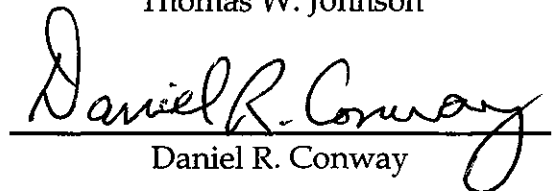
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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

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