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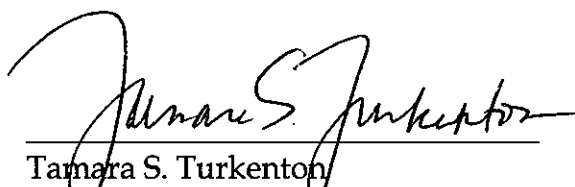
July 31, 2017

Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rider, Case No. 17-319-GA-UEX.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Dominion Energy Ohio to update its Uncollectible Expense Rider, in Case No. 17-319-GA-UEX.



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Enclosure

Cc: Parties of Record

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The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio
Case No. 17-319-GA-UEx

SUMMARY:

In Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, the Commission authorized the concept of an uncollectible accounts expense recovery mechanism for five natural gas companies, The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) being one of them. The mechanism approved allows for recovery of actual bad/uncollectible debt through a rider, rather than through base rates. Subsequently, DEO was authorized in Case 03-2573-GA-ATA to establish a rider recovery mechanism consistent with that which was approved in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC. On March 17, 2004, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order in that case and authorized an initial uncollectible rider rate of \$0.0601 per Mcf.

Since that time DEO has filed annual updates to adjust its rider rate and the Commission authorized such subsequent revisions. The recent history of DEO's rider rate is as follows:

July 2013 - July 2014	\$0.1683 per Mcf
July 2014 - July 2015	\$0.1113 per Mcf
Aug. 2015 - Aug 2016	\$0.0383 per Mcf
Aug. 2016 - Current	\$0.0661 per Mcf

On May 30, 2017, DEO filed the pending application to revise its current uncollectible expense rider rate from \$0.0661 per Mcf to \$0.0634 per Mcf, a decrease of \$0.0027 per Mcf.

STAFF REVIEW:

Staff reviewed DEO's annual balance reconciliation (Attachment 1) for the period January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, the Company's calculation of its revised rider rate (Attachment 2) and the proposed tariffs (Attachment 3).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff believes DEO's application appropriately calculates the rider and recommends the proposed rate of \$0.0634 per Mcf be approved.