

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE
EXPENSE RIDER OF WATERVILLE GAS AND
OIL COMPANY AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE NO. 17-317-GA-UEX

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on October 11, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Waterville Gas and Oil Company to increase its uncollectible expense rider rate.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Waterville Gas and Oil Company (Waterville) 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. 07-194-GA-AIR, the Commission approved a stipulation and recommendation, which, among other things, established Waterville's uncollectible expense (UEX) rider mechanism, with an initial rate set at \$0.03 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Waterville Gas and Oil Co.*, Case No. 07-194-GA-AIR, Opinion and Order (Nov. 20, 2007).

{¶ 4} Waterville's current UEX rider rate of (\$0.0005)¹ per Mcf was approved by the Commission on October 5, 2016. *In re Waterville Gas and Oil Co.*, Case No. 16-317-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (Oct. 5, 2016).

{¶ 5} On May 30, 2017, Waterville filed an application, in the above-captioned case, to update its current UEX rider rate. In the application, Waterville notes that, as of April 30, 2016, its over-collection balance was (\$573.39). Waterville further notes that, as of April 30, 2017, its over-collection balance was (\$196.73). Waterville, therefore, proposes to adjust its UEX rider rate as follows:

¹ Amounts shown in parentheses indicate negative numbers.

<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>
(\$0.0005) per Mcf	\$0.0002 per Mcf	\$0.0007 per Mcf

{¶ 6} On August 11, 2017, Staff filed its review and recommendations. Staff states that, based on its review, Waterville properly calculated the UEX rider and recommends that the proposed rate of \$0.0002 per Mcf be approved.

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

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Waterville's application be approved and Waterville be authorized to increase its UEX rider rate to \$0.0002 per Mcf. It is, further,

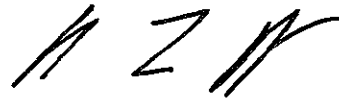
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Waterville be authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Waterville shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 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,

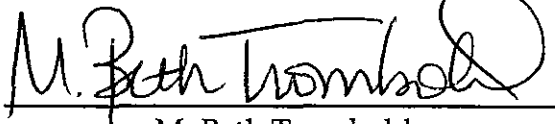
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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

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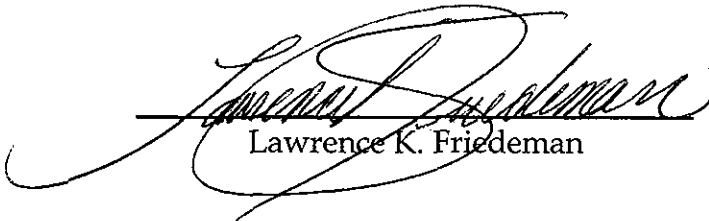
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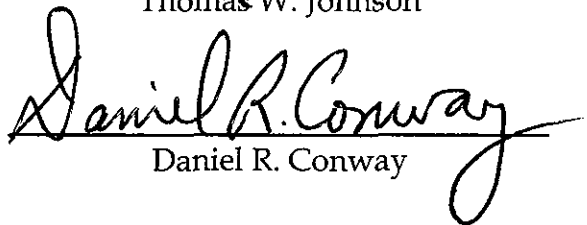
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