

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF
MARK LASMANIS,**

COMPLAINANT,

V.

CASE NO. 17-1749-GA-CSS

**THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A
DOMINION ENERGY OHIO,**

RESPONDENT.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 17, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants the joint motion to dismiss the complaint with prejudice, as this matter has been settled.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory.

{¶ 3} Respondent, The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO), 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.

{¶ 4} On August 7, 2017, Mark Lasmanis (Complainant) filed a complaint against DEO alleging that, in replacing an exterior service line and conducting a test of the house lines at Complainant's residence, DEO's field service representative failed to follow safety protocols and thereby caused damage to his furnace.

{¶ 5} DEO filed its answer on August 28, 2017. In its answer, DEO admitted certain allegations and generally denied other allegations in the complaint. DEO also stated that it lacked sufficient knowledge or information to admit or deny the remaining allegations in the complaint. In addition, DEO set forth in the answer several affirmative defenses.

{¶ 6} On November 28, 2017, Complainant and DEO filed a joint motion to dismiss. In the motion, the parties advise the Commission that this matter has been settled and that they have executed a confidential settlement agreement. Further, the parties request that this complaint be dismissed with prejudice.

{¶ 7} In view of the settlement of the complaint, the Commission finds that this case should be dismissed with prejudice and closed of record.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the joint motion to dismiss be granted and that Case No. 17-1749-GA-CSS be dismissed with prejudice and closed of record. It is, further,


{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party and interested person of record.

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Asim Z. Haque, Chairman

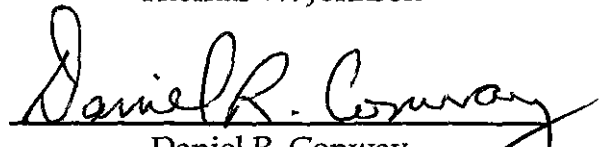


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