

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of The East)
Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio)
for Authority to Revise its Tariffs.) Case No. 17-2514-GA-ATA

In the Matter of the Application of The East)
Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio)
for Authority to Establish an Infrastructure)
Development Rider.) Case No. 17-2515-GA-IDR

**OHIO PARTNERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY'S
MOTION TO INTERVENE**

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy ("OPAE") respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for leave to intervene in the above-captioned matters pursuant to Revised Code ("R.C.") §4903.221 and Rule 4901-1-11 of the Commission's Code of Rules and Regulations, with full powers and rights granted by the Commission specifically, by statute or by the provisions of the Commission's Code of Rules and Regulations to intervening parties. The reasons for granting this motion to intervene are contained in the memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (“OPAE”) should be permitted to intervene in these matters pursuant to Section 4903.22.1, Revised Code, and the Commission’s Rules contained in Rule 4901-01-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code. The above-referenced applications of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio’s (“Dominion”) seek authority to establish an Infrastructure Development Rider and to revise tariffs.

In determining whether to permit intervention, the following criteria are to be considered: the nature of the person’s interest; the extent to which that interest is represented by existing parties; the person’s potential contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the proceeding; and, whether granting the intervention will unduly delay or unjustly prejudice any existing party. OPAE meets all four criteria for intervention in these matters.

OPAE is an Ohio non-profit corporation with a stated purpose of advocating for affordable energy policies for low and moderate income Ohioans; as such, OPAE has a real and substantial interest in these matters. Additionally, OPAE includes as members non-profit organizations located in the service area that will be affected by

the matters.¹ Moreover, many of OPAE's members are Community Action Agencies. Under the federal legislation authorizing the creation and funding of these agencies, originally known as the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, community action is charged with advocating for low-income residents of their communities.

OPAE members also provide essential services in the form of bill payment assistance programs and weatherization and energy efficiency services to low-income customers of Dominion. OPAE members are also non-residential ratepayers of Dominion. Therefore, OPAE has an interest in these proceedings that will consider Dominion's applications for authority to establish an Infrastructure Development Rider and revise its tariffs.

For the above reasons, OPAE has a direct, real and substantial interest in these matters. The disposition of these matters may impair or impede the ability of OPAE to protect its interests. No other party to the matters will adequately represent the interests of OPAE. OPAE is a rare organization that serves as an advocate, service provider and non-profit customer group. No other party represents this group of interests. OPAE's participation in these matters will not cause undue delay, will not unjustly prejudice any existing party, and will contribute to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues raised by these cases. Further, OPAE has been recognized by the Commission in the past as an advocate for consumers and particularly low-income consumers, all of whom will be affected by the outcome of these cases.

Therefore, OPAE is entitled to intervene in these matters with the full powers and rights granted by statute and by the provisions of the Commission's Code of Rules and Regulations to intervening parties.

¹ A list of OPAE members can be found on the website: www.ohiopartners.org.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of this Motion to Intervene and Memorandum in Support will be served electronically by the Commission's Docketing Division upon the persons identified below on this 9th day of February 2018.

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