

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGULATION OF  
THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT  
CLAUSES CONTAINED WITHIN THE RATE  
SCHEDULES OF:

EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE No. 17-207-GA-GCR  
CASE No. 17-214-GA-GCR

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE  
EXPENSE RIDERS OF:

EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE No. 17-307-GA-UEX  
CASE No. 17-314-GA-UEX

IN THE MATTER OF THE PERCENTAGE OF  
INCOME PAYMENT PLAN RIDERS OF:

EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY  
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY AND  
RELATED MATTERS.

CASE No. 17-407-GA-PIP  
CASE No. 17-414-GA-PIP

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on February 21, 2018

{¶ 1} Eastern Natural Gas Company (Eastern) and Pike Natural Gas Company (Pike) (collectively, Companies) are natural gas companies as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} By Entry issued February 1, 2017, the Commission directed Staff to conduct an audit of the Companies' compliance with the gas cost recovery (GCR) mechanism, as set forth in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-14. The Commission also scheduled a hearing, to be held on January 16, 2018, to review the gas purchasing practices and policies of the Companies.

{¶ 3} By Entry issued November 17, 2017, the attorney examiner granted Staff's November 13, 2017 motion to extend for 30 days the time in which to file audit reports for the Companies. Staff filed audit reports for the Companies on December 15, 2017.

{¶ 4} By Entry issued December 21, 2017, the attorney examiner rescheduled the January 16, 2018 hearing for February 22, 2018. The attorney examiner also directed the Companies to publish notice of the hearing, consistent with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) and the February 1, 2017 Entry.

{¶ 5} On February 20, 2018, the Companies filed a motion for continuance of the hearing to March 28, 2018, or March 29, 2018. The Companies explain that discussions with Staff are expected to result in a stipulation that will resolve all issues in these proceedings. The parties, however, require additional time to complete discussions. The Companies state that Staff does not oppose the continuance and that there are no intervenors.

{¶ 6} As an additional reason for the continuance, the Companies note that, although Eastern provided notice of the February 22, 2018 hearing by bill insert, Pike, through inadvertent oversight, did not. To correct the error, the Companies propose that they be allowed to provide notice between 15 and 30 days prior to the revised hearing date in accordance with the requirements set forth in the February 1, 2017 Entry. The Companies also propose that testimony, if necessary, be filed by the Companies 16 days prior to the hearing and by any other party seven days prior to the hearing.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner finds the Companies have stated good cause to grant the motion and reschedule the hearing. Accordingly, the hearing in the above matters shall be rescheduled for March 29, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The Companies shall publish notice of the hearing and testimony shall be filed in accordance with the proposals set forth in Paragraph 6. The attorney examiner also finds, however, that it would be beneficial to convene as previously scheduled on February 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in order

to solicit any public testimony and, if necessary, to discuss the parties' progress in negotiations.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the hearing in these matters be rescheduled for March 29, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the Companies publish notice of the hearing in accordance with Paragraphs 6 and 7. It is further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the Companies, if necessary, file testimony 16 days prior to the hearing and that any other parties file testimony seven days prior to the hearing. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the parties appear on February 22, 2018, for the reasons stated in Paragraph 7. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ L. Douglas Jennings

By: L. Douglas Jennings  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting joint motion to continue hearing; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of L. Douglas Jennings, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio