

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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
DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT RIDER
RATE.

CASE NO. 17-2179-GA-RDR

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on April 11, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio to adjust its demand side management rider rate.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (Dominion) 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} On October 15, 2008, the Commission approved Dominion's application for an alternative rate plan, pursuant to a stipulation and recommendation that provided for the funding of Dominion's demand side management (DSM) programs for low-income customers and an associated DSM rider. Dominion's DSM rider is applicable to residential and non-residential customers served under the General Sales Service and Energy Choice Transportation Service rate schedules. As approved, Dominion may recover \$4.0 million annually through the DSM rider and the balance of Dominion's DSM program expenditures, \$5.5 million, is funded through base rates, for a total annual DSM commitment of \$9.5 million. *In re The East Ohio Gas Co. d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al. (*Distribution Rate Case*), Opinion and Order (Oct. 15, 2008) at 7, 12.

{¶ 4} In Case No. 17-1372-GA-RDR, the Commission directed Dominion to file a DSM rider adjustment application, including related supporting schedules, calculations,

and proposed tariffs, on an annual basis, by no later than December 1, for the Commission's review and approval. *In re The East Ohio Gas Co. d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio*, Case No. 17-1372-GA-RDR, Finding and Order (Aug. 2, 2017) at ¶ 15.

{¶ 5} On November 15, 2017, Dominion filed an application requesting an adjustment to its current DSM rider rate. In its application, Dominion proposes to increase its DSM rider rate to \$0.0340 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf), as shown below.

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Increase
\$0.0332 per Mcf	\$0.0340 per Mcf	\$0.0008 per Mcf

According to Dominion, the expenditures proposed for recovery through the DSM rider are within the \$4.0 million annual limit established by the stipulation in the *Distribution Rate Case* and reflect the costs associated with programs reviewed by and implemented under the guidance of the DSM Collaborative. As such, Dominion avers that these costs are just and reasonable and qualify for recovery through the DSM rider.

{¶ 6} On March 20, 2018, Staff filed comments on Dominion's proposed DSM rider adjustment. Staff notes that it reviewed Dominion's DSM rider for the period of October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017. Staff states that Dominion appropriately calculated the rider; therefore, Staff recommends the proposed DSM rider rate of \$0.0340 per Mcf be approved.

{¶ 7} The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that Dominion's application to adjust its DSM rider rate to \$0.0340 per Mcf is reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Dominion should be authorized to include the revised DSM rider rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates Dominion applies to the gas service it

provides to customers. We also find that Dominion should further revise its tariff to include language that clarifies that the DSM rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, refunds to customers, based upon the results of audits ordered by the Commission. The revised final tariffs shall be approved effective upon filing, subject to final review by the Commission.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Dominion's application to adjust its DSM rider rate to \$0.0340 per Mcf is approved. It is, further,

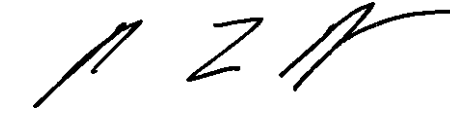
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Dominion is authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Dominion shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 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, subject to final review by the Commission. It is, further,

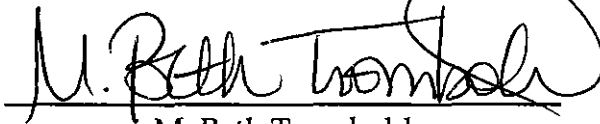
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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

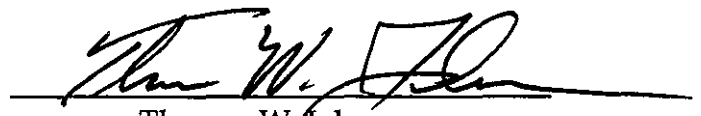
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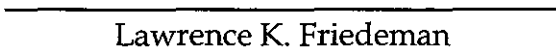
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