

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO,
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE
RATE PLAN.

CASE NO. 18-49-GA-ALT

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO,
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN INCREASE IN
GAS RATES.

CASE NO. 18-298-GA-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
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RATE PLAN.

CASE NO. 18-299-GA-ALT

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 3, 2018

{¶ 1} Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO or the Company) is a natural gas company and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and R.C. 4905.02, respectively. As such, VEDO is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06.

{¶ 2} On January 3, 2018, VEDO filed a notice of intent to file an application for approval of an alternative rate plan under R.C. 4929.05. *In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan*, Case No. 18-49-GA-ALT (CEP Rider Case).

{¶ 3} On February 21, 2018, the Company filed two additional notices of intent: one to file an application for an increase in rates and charges under R.C. 4909.18 and a second notice of intent to file a separate application for approval of an alternative rate plan under R.C. 4929.05. *In the Matter of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Increase in Rates*, Case No. 18-298-GA-AIR; *In the Matter of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan*, Case No. 18-299-GA-ALT (together, *Rate Case Proceedings*).

{¶ 4} On March 30, 2018, VEDO filed its combined application to increase rates and charges and for approval of an alternative rate plan pursuant to R.C. 4909.18 and R.C. 4929.05 in the *Rate Case Proceedings*. And, on April 13, 2018, VEDO filed its application for approval of an alternative rate plan in the *CEP Rider Case*. By Entry issued May 24, 2018, the attorney examiner granted a motion to consolidate all three of VEDO's cases into one proceeding (*Consolidated Rate Case*).

{¶ 5} Staff conducted an investigation of the facts, exhibits, and matters relating to VEDO's applications. On October 1, 2018, Staff filed a comprehensive written report of its investigation (Staff Report) in the docket for Case No. 18-298-GA-AIR. Staff filed the Staff Report in the remaining two case dockets on October 2, 2018.

{¶ 6} Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B), with regard to any application for an increase in rates under R.C. 4909.18, all objections to a Staff Report must be filed within 30 days after the filing of such report. All objections must be specific; any objection that lacks the specificity required to convey what is actually being placed at issue will be stricken pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B). Similarly, in alternative rate plan proceedings, objections to a Staff Report must be filed within 30 days after the filing of the report, must be specific, and must explain how the objected-to portions of the Staff Report and/or application are unjust and unreasonable. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-07(F). To keep the procedural schedule of the *Consolidated Rate Case* consistent and to promote efficiency, the attorney examiner finds that all objections to the comprehensive Staff Report should be filed within 30 days of October 1, 2018. Therefore, objections in all three cases are due by October 31, 2018.

{¶ 7} Motions to strike objections should be filed by November 7, 2018, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections should be filed by November 14, 2018. Unless an objection is struck or withdrawn, each objection must be discussed in the initial post-hearing brief of the objecting party. If the objection is not discussed in that initial brief, the objection will be deemed withdrawn without further action.

{¶ 8} Pre-filed testimony should be filed pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-29.

{¶ 9} A prehearing conference will be held on November 14, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 11-A at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss procedural aspects of the case and to provide an opportunity for the parties to conduct settlement discussions.

{¶ 10} The evidentiary hearing will commence on December 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

{¶ 11} The local public hearings will be scheduled, and publication required, by subsequent entry.

{¶ 12} The deadline for motions to intervene in this *Consolidated Rate Case*, if not previously filed, is October 31, 2018.

{¶ 13} It is, therefore,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That the prehearing conference in this *Consolidated Rate Case* be scheduled for November 14, 2018, as stated in Paragraph 9. It is, further,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing in this *Consolidated Rate Case* be scheduled for December 4, 2018, as stated in Paragraph 10. It is, further,

{¶ 16} ORDERED, That all interested persons comply with the time frames established in Paragraphs 6, 7, 8, and 12. It is, further,

{¶ 17} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling the prehearing conference and evidentiary hearing, and setting filing deadlines electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission