

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

**BRAINARD GAS CORPORATION
NORTHEAST OHIO NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION
ORWELL NATURAL GAS COMPANY AND
RELATED MATTERS.**

**CASE No. 18-206-GA-GCR
CASE No. 18-209-GA-GCR
CASE No. 18-212-GA-GCR**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE
EXPENSE RIDERS OF:**

**NORTHEAST OHIO NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION
ORWELL NATURAL GAS COMPANY AND
RELATED MATTERS.**

**CASE No. 18-309-GA-UEx
CASE No. 18-312-GA-UEx**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PERCENTAGE OF
INCOME PAYMENT PLAN RIDER OF
NORTHEAST OHIO NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION AND RELATED MATTERS.**

CASE No. 18-409-GA-PIP

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on July 12, 2019

{¶ 1} Brainard Gas Corporation, Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corporation (Northeast), and Orwell Natural Gas Company (Orwell) (collectively, the Companies) are gas or natural gas companies as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02. As such, the Companies are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4905.302 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07 require that the Commission conduct, or cause to be conducted, periodic financial audits of each gas or natural gas company under the Commission's jurisdiction. The audits shall review each company's compliance with the gas cost recovery (GCR) mechanism as delineated in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-14. Under Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07(C) and 4901:1-14-08(A), each audit

shall culminate in the filing of an audit report and, at least 60 days later, a public hearing before the Commission.

{¶ 3} By Entry dated January 24, 2018, the Commission initiated the Companies' GCR financial audits for the period July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2018, as well as audits of the uncollectible expense (UEX) riders of Northeast and Orwell and the percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) rider of Northeast. The January 24, 2018 Entry further directed the Companies to publish required legal notices, established a deadline for filing testimony, and set the evidentiary hearing for January 15, 2019. Thus, pursuant to the timeline dictated by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08, the GCR audit reports were to be filed no later than November 15, 2018, with the UEX and PIPP audit reports to be filed concurrently.

{¶ 4} On November 13, 2018, Staff filed a motion for an extension of time in which to file the ordered audit reports and for expedited consideration of its request. By Entry dated November 14, 2018, the attorney examiner granted the motion, ordered that the audit reports be filed by December 21, 2018, continued the hearing to February 20, 2019, and directed the Companies to publish legal notice of the hearing. Pursuant to the new schedule, Staff filed the required reports on December 21, 2018.

{¶ 5} Subsequently, the attorney examiner granted two separate motions to continue the hearing date and directed the Companies to publish legal notice of the same. Ultimately, the hearing was scheduled to occur on May 8, 2019. The Companies filed proof of publication demonstrating compliance with the notice requirement of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C).

{¶ 6} The hearing commenced as scheduled on May 8, 2019. At that time, the parties jointly requested that the hearing be continued to allow continued efforts toward a resolution of all issues in these cases. The attorney examiner granted the motion on the record, indicated that a new hearing date would be set by future entry, and adjourned for the day.

{¶ 7} At this time, the attorney examiner finds that the hearing should be scheduled to reconvene on August 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The attorney examiner further finds that no additional publication of the hearing date is necessary.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the hearing reconvene on August 7, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., as stated in Paragraph 7. It is, further,

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

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/s/Patricia A. Schabo

By: Patricia A. Schabo
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling date and time for hearing to reconvene electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission