

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Application of : Case No.
Northeast Ohio Natural : 18-1720-GA-AIR
Gas Corp. for an Increase :
in Gas Distribution Rates. :

In the Matter of the :
Application of : Case No.
Northeast Ohio Natural : 18-1721-GA-ATA
Gas Corp. for Tariff :
Approval. :

In the Matter of the :
Application of : Case No.
Northeast Ohio Natural : 18-1722-GA-ALT
Gas Corp. for Approval of :
an Alternative Rate Plan. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Lauren Augostini, Attorney Examiner, held
at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180
East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus,
Ohio, on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 10:00 A.M.

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On behalf of the Staff of
the Public Utilities Commission
of Ohio.

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Tuesday Morning,
August 20, 2019.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Good morning.
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has
assigned for public hearing at this time and
place Case Nos. 18-1720-GA-AIR, 18-1721-GA-ATA,
and 18-1722-GA-ALT being in the matter of the
application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp.
for approval of an increase in gas distribution
rates, combined with an application for tariff
approval and approval for an alternative rate
plan.

My name is Lauren Augostini, and I
am one of the Attorney Examiners assigned by
the Commission to hear this case. At this time
let's take appearances of the parties beginning
with the Company.

MR. ALEXANDER: Good morning, your
Honor. Trevor Alexander and Jason Massey from
the company. I am from the law firm of Calfee,
Halter & Griswold. Thank you.

MR. HEALEY: Good morning, your
Honor. On behalf of the Consumers' Counsel
Christopher Healey. Thank you.

1 MS. MOONEY: On behalf of the Ohio
2 Partners for Affordable Energy, I am Colleen
3 Mooney.

4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

5 MR. MARGARD: On behalf of the Staff
6 of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
7 Werner L. Margard, Assistant Attorney General.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. At
9 this time I will entertain a motion for a
10 continuance.

11 MR. ALEXANDER: Thank you, your
12 Honor. The parties have engaged in substantive
13 settlement communications which I believe are
14 bearing fruit, and, therefore, we would ask for
15 a continuance in order to allow those settlement
16 talks to continue.

17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Do you
18 have a date in mind?

19 MR. ALEXANDER: Not yet, your Honor.
20 We are I think nearing a settlement, and it is
21 my hope that settlement can include all
22 the parties, but as of this point I don't want
23 to represent that because it's still up in the
24 air.

25 And so what my preference would be

1 is for counsel to confer after settlement talks
2 go forward in the next few days and reach out to
3 the Bench to select a date.

4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Let's go
5 off the record real quick.

6 (DISCUSSION OFF THE RECORD)

7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: We had
8 discussion off the record to continue the case
9 until, to continue the case back up on September
10 10th, at 10:00 A.M.

11 Are there any other issues that we
12 need to discuss?

13 Okay. Hearing none, we are
14 adjourned.

15 (At 10:10 A.M. the hearing was
16 adjourned)

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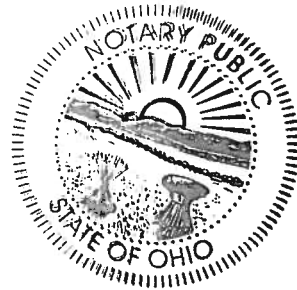
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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the
proceedings taken by me in this matter on August
20, 2019, and carefully compared with my
original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer
Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates; In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Tariff Approval and In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for approval of an Alternative Rate Plan, hearing held on August 20th, 2019. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Spencer, Michael O. Mr.