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RE: In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Gas Natural Gas Corp. for Approval of a Reasonable Arrangement for Transporting Natural Gas Pursuant To Section 4905.31.

## Dear Docketing:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations regarding the application filed by Northeast Ohio Gas Natural Gas Corp. for approval of a Reasonable Arrangement, Case No. 20-0090-GA-AEC.

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Enclosure

Cc: Parties of Record

## Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. Case No. 20-0090-GA-AEC

## **SUMMARY**

On January 15, 2020, in Case No. 20-0090-GA-AEC, Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. (Northeast or NEO) filed an application requesting approval of a transportation service agreement (TSA) with Bloom Carroll Schools (Bloom Carroll) for service and to build infrastructure to serve a new school in Carroll, Ohio. On February 14, 2020, Northeast filed a letter which included a revised Exhibit A, to account for a minor revision in the agreement between Northeast and Bloom Carroll.

Under the TSA, Bloom Carrol has requested a fixed monthly distribution charge rather than a volumetric charge as is currently the case with NEO's tariffs. To facilitate this, NEO and Bloom Carroll have entered into a reasonable arrangement and have agreed to rates and other terms of conditions of service that differ from NEO's tariff.

The TSA will be for general transportation service, with a fixed monthly charge and will commence with the October 2020 billing cycle. The agreement would be for an initial term of ten years and then continue on a month to month basis until it is canceled by either party with a 60-day notice. Due to the competitive, sensitive and proprietary nature of the agreement, Northeast requests confidential treatment of the transportation rates.

## STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the application filed in the above case in accordance with the Gas Transportation Program Guidelines<sup>1</sup> and finds the TSA to reasonable and recommends to the Commission that the application be approved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the Matter of the Commission Implementation of FERC Order 636 and Related Matter, Case No. 93-1636-GA-UNC, Entry on Rehearing at Appendix A (November 2, 1995)

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