

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDIT OF THE
UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER OF THE
EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A
DOMINION ENERGY OHIO.

CASE NO. 20-319-GA-UEX

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on July 1, 2020

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio to increase its uncollectible expense rider rate.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) 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 December 17, 2003, the Commission approved the application of five natural gas companies, including DEO, to recover uncollectible expenses (UEX) through riders. *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d.b.a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, Finding and Order (Dec. 17, 2003). DEO was required to file annually with the Commission a report identifying the amounts recovered, deferred, and, as applicable, amortized under the UEX rider. In addition, DEO was permitted to request an adjustment to the UEX rider.

{¶ 4} On July 31, 2019, the Commission approved DEO's current UEX rider rate of \$0.0720 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio*, Case No. 19-319-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (July 31, 2019).

{¶ 5} On May 29, 2020, in the above-captioned case, DEO filed an application to increase its UEX rider rate to \$0.0979 per Mcf, as summarized below:

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Increase
\$0.0720 per Mcf	\$0.0979 per Mcf	\$0.0259 per Mcf

The proposed rate is comprised of two components: the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of rider and customer recoveries and late-payment charges as of March 31, 2020, and the estimate of uncollectible accounts expense net of customer recoveries and late-payment charges for the 12 months ending March 31, 2021.

{¶ 6} On June 19, 2020, Staff filed its review and recommendations on DEO's application, recommending approval of the proposed UEX rider rate.

{¶ 7} The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's review and recommendations, and finds that the proposed adjustment to DEO's UEX rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that DEO should be authorized to include the revised UEX rider rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates DEO applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That DEO's application be approved and DEO be authorized to increase the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.0979 per Mcf. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That DEO is authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. DEO 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. 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 all parties and interested persons of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Sam Randazzo, Chairman
M. Beth Trombold
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Daniel R. Conway
Dennis P. Deters

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