

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE
EXPENSE RIDER OF OHIO GAS COMPANY
AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE NO. 20-311-GA-UEX

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on July 29, 2020

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Ohio Gas Company to adjust its uncollectible expense rider rate.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas or Company) 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} In Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEX, the Commission authorized Ohio Gas to establish and implement an uncollectible expense (UEX) rider. *In re Ohio Gas Co.*, Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEX, Entry (Jan. 25, 2006).

{¶ 4} Most recently, the Commission approved Ohio Gas' current UEX rider rate of \$0.0047 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Ohio Gas Co.*, Case No. 19-311-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (July 17, 2019).

{¶ 5} On May 29, 2020, in the above-captioned case, Ohio Gas filed an application to reduce its UEX rider rate to (\$0.0004) per Mcf, as summarized below:¹

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Decrease
\$0.0047 per Mcf	(\$0.0004) per Mcf	\$0.0051 per Mcf

¹ Amounts shown in parentheses indicate negative numbers.

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

{¶ 6} On July 27, 2020, Staff filed its review and recommendations in regard to Ohio Gas' application, recommending approval of the proposed UEX rider rate. Staff reviewed Ohio Gas' annual balance reconciliation, UEX rider calculation, and the proposed tariff sheets. However, Staff notes that a prudence review of the rate will occur in a future UEX audit proceeding. Nonetheless, Staff concluded that Ohio Gas calculated its UEX rider correctly and recommended that its proposed rate of (\$0.0004) per Mcf be approved.

{¶ 7} Based on the Commission's review of Ohio Gas' application and Staff's review and recommendation, we find that the application is reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, Ohio Gas should be authorized to adjust its UEX rider rate to (\$0.0004) per Mcf and to file revised tariffs consistent with this Finding and Order.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Ohio Gas' application be approved and the Company be authorized to revise its UEX rider rate to (\$0.0004) per Mcf. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Ohio Gas be authorized to file two complete copies of tariffs in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. Ohio Gas 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 Ohio Gas and all interested persons of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Sam Randazzo, Chairman

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