

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE AUDIT OF THE
UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER OF
VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO,
INC.

CASE NO. 21-320-GA-UEX

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on July 28, 2021

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. dba CenterPoint Energy Ohio to decrease its uncollectible expense rider rate.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. dba CenterPoint Energy Ohio (VEDO) 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 VEDO, to recover uncollectible expenses (UEX) through riders. *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, Finding and Order (Dec. 17, 2003). VEDO 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, VEDO was permitted to request an adjustment to the UEX rider.

{¶ 4} On July 15, 2020, the Commission approved VEDO's current UEX rider rate of \$0.0785 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 20-320-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (July 15, 2020).

{¶ 5} On May 28, 2021, in the above-captioned case, VEDO filed an application to decrease its UEX rider rate to \$0.0276 per Mcf, as summarized below:

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Decrease
\$0.0785 per Mcf	\$0.0276 per Mcf	\$0.0509 per Mcf

The proposed rate is comprised of two components: the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of April 30, 2021, and an estimate of net uncollectible accounts expense and recoveries for the 12 months ending April 30, 2022.

{¶ 6} On June 23, 2021, Staff filed its review and recommendations on VEDO'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 VEDO's UEX rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that VEDO should be authorized to include the revised UEX rider rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates VEDO applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That VEDO's application be approved and VEDO be authorized to decrease the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.0276 per Mcf. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That VEDO is authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. VEDO 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:

Jenifer French, Chair
M. Beth Trombold
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Daniel R. Conway
Dennis P. Deters

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