

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint and)
Appeal Application of Oxford Natural)
Gas Company from Ordinance No. 2896) Case No. 06-350-GA-CMR
Passed by Council of the City of)
Oxford on February 7, 2006.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Oxford Natural Gas Company (Oxford) is a natural gas company as defined by Section 4905.03(A)(6), Revised Code, and a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On February 7, 2006, the City of Oxford (City) enacted Ordinance No. 2896 to establish rates for gas service provided by Oxford Natural Gas Company in Oxford. On February 23, 2006, Oxford filed a Complaint and Appeal from Ordinance No. 2896 and requested Commission approval of its proposed test year, date certain, and waiver of the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements. On October 4, 2006, the Commission issued an entry approving the test year, date certain, and waiver request.
- (3) Section 4909.35, Revised Code, provides that a Complaint and Appeal to this Commission from a municipal rate-fixing ordinance shall meet the requirements of Section 4909.18, Revised Code.
- (4) The Commission has caused an investigation to be made of the facts set forth in the rate increase application by the company, the exhibits attached thereto, and the matters connected with the application.
- (5) A written report of the staff's investigation was filed on February 1, 2007. By entry issued on February 15, 2007, the attorney examiner ordered that objections to the staff report be filed in accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code, which

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requires that objections be filed within 30 days of the filing of the staff report.

- (6) A prehearing conference was held on March 8, 2007. At the prehearing conference, the parties expressed their interest in holding settlement discussions in this proceeding and requested that the examiner grant them additional time before setting this matter for hearing. However, although the parties continued these discussions, they have not been able to reach a settlement of this case. Therefore, on April 20, 2007, a second prehearing conference was held to discuss the procedural schedule for this proceeding.
- (7) Accordingly, the local public hearing in this case shall be held on June 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at the Oxford Court House, 118 West High Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056.
- (8) Further, the evidentiary hearing shall commence on June 28, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-C, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- (9) Oxford should cause publication of the following legal notice to occur once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled date of the local hearing. The legal notice is to be a display ad, neither less than 9-point type nor in the legal notices of the newspaper, in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected service territory:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a local public hearing in Case No. 06-350-GA-CMR, *In the Matter of the Complaint and Appeal of Oxford Natural Gas Company from Ordinance No. 2896 Passed by Council of the City of Oxford on February 7, 2006*. Oxford Natural Gas Company seeks a rate increase, which would generate additional operating revenues of approximately \$476,188 or 6.05 percent over current revenues. The local hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity to interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearing will be held June 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at the Oxford Court House, 118 West High Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056.

On May 17, 2006, the staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio issued a report of its investigation into the application filed by Oxford Natural Gas Company. The staff of the Commission recommends a revenue decrease in the range of \$1,063,787 to \$1,082,125 which represents a decrease of 17.26 percent to 17.55 percent over test year operating revenue. The major issues presented by the case are whether the requested revenue increase is just and reasonable and whether the proposed rates to be charged for services are just and reasonable. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, by viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us>, or by contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. The hearing impaired can reach the Commission via TTY-TDD at 1-800-686-1570 or in Columbus at 466-9180.

- (10) Oxford shall file proof of publication of the legal notice as required by Finding (9).

It is, therefore,

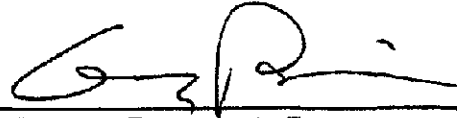
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ORDERED, That notice of the local hearing be published by Oxford Natural Gas Company as directed in Finding (9). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Secretary