## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The	)
East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a	)
Dominion East Ohio for Authority to	) Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR
Increase Rates for its Gas Distribution	)
Service.	)
In the Matter of the Application of The	)
East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a/	)
Dominion East Ohio for Approval of an	) Case No. 07-830-GA-ALT
Alternative Rate Plan for its Gas	)
Distribution Service.	)
In the Matter of the Application of The	)
East Oho Gas Company d/b/a	)
Dominion East Ohio for Approval to	) Case No. 07-831-GA-AAM
Change Accounting Methods.	)

<u>ENTRY</u>

The Commission finds:

- (1) The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) is a natural gas company as defined by Section 4905.03(A)(6), Revised Code, and a public utility as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code. DEO is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) The notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates was received on July 20, 2007, pursuant to Section 4909.43(B), Revised Code, and in compliance with Rule 4901-7-01, Ohio Administrative Code, Appendix A, Chapter 1, paragraphs (A) and (B). (Appendix A to Rule 4901-7-01, Ohio Administrative Code, may be referred to in this entry as the standard filing requirements.)
- (3) The application of DEO for an increase in rates is governed by and must meet the requirements of Sections 4909.17 to 4909.19 and 4909.42, Revised Code.

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- (4) Section 4909.15(C), Revised Code, provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the test period for determining cost of service shall be the twelve-month period beginning six months prior to the date the application is filed and ending six months subsequent to that date and that in no event shall the test period end more than nine months subsequent to the date the application is filed. This section also requires that the date certain be no later than the date of filing. DEO moves that its test period begin January 1, 2007, and end December 31, 2007, and that the date certain be March 31, 2007. DEO's proposed test period and date certain comply with Section 4909.15(C), Revised Code, and should be approved as requested.
- (5) DEO has requested a waiver of the standard filing requirement under Chapter II, paragraph (C)(32), requiring certain supplemental information which must be made available to Staff on the first day of the field audit. This filing condition requires: "Monthly managerial reports providing results of operations and comparison of actual to forecast for the test year and the twelve months immediately preceding the test year. Reports covering the test period should be provided as they become available." However, DEO does not, in the ordinary course of business, produce reports comparing actual results to forecasts. DEO states it will work with Staff to provide comparable information that satisfies the intent of Chapter II(C)(32). DEO's request is reasonable and should be approved as requested.
- (6) DEO has also requested a waiver of the standard filing requirement under Chapter II, paragraphs (C)(37) and (44), related to providing information regarding federal and state income tax returns. DEO has expressed concerns regarding the confidentiality of these documents and wishes to make them available for review only at DEO's offices. The request is reasonable and should be granted as requested.
- (7) DEO has also requested a waiver of the standard filing requirement under Chapter II, Section (C), paragraph (D)(5), requiring the filing of Schedule C-8. The data required by Schedule C-8 includes: (i) the current case estimate; (ii) most recent prior case actual; (iii) most recent prior case estimate; (iv) next most recent case actual; and (v) the next most recent case estimate. DEO has been unable to locate records of the actual rate case expense for its most recent case, (category ii above) and, therefore, requests a waiver of this

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requirement. This was Case No. 93-2006-GA-AIR, filed over 13 years ago. DEO was able to locate information required for its next most recent case, No. 86-297-GA-AIR from Schedule C-8 filed in Case No. 93-2006-GA-AIR, including the estimated rate case expense for that proceeding (categories iv and v, above). This information, as well as an estimate of rate case expense for the current case; will be disclosed in Schedule C-8 of the current application. Given that DEO is unable to locate certain information required for Schedule C-8 and that information is believed to be of minimal value since that information is over twelve years old, this request to waive the most recent prior case actual rate case expense should be granted.

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(8) In is notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates, DEO has requested waivers from the filing of various financial and informational data required by Chapter II of the standard filing requirement in the schedules below:

Schedule C-12.1:	Revenue Statistics - Total Company
Schedule C-12.2:	Revenue Statistics - Jurisdictional
Schedule C-12.3:	Sales Statistics - Total Company
Schedule C-12.4:	Sales Statistics - Jurisdictional

DEO intends to file schedules for the most recent five years in accordance with Chapter II, Section C, paragraph (F)(3), of the standard filing requirements. For the test year and future years, DEO proposes to report sales and revenue projections by "residential" and "non-residential" classes, as opposed to residential, commercial, and industrial classes currently required. The "non-residential" class combines the former commercial and industrial classes. The Commission is of the opinion that DEO's request is reasonable and should be approved as requested.

(9) DEO has also requested a waiver of the provisions of Chapter II, Section F, paragraph (B), of the standard filing requirement, requiring that projected income statements from gas utilities, filed on Schedules F-1 and F-1A, must follow the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) chart of accounts. DEO does not plan or forecast by FERC accounts but, rather, by a general ledger of accounts established to report transactions by the nature of the revenue or expense, such as sales revenue, purchased gas expense, salaries, etc. DEO will file projected income statements but requests a waiver from filing in accordance with the FERC chart of accounts. The request is reasonable and should be granted as requested.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the test period of the Applicant, The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio, shall begin January 1, 2007, and end December 31, 2007. The date certain shall be March 31, 2007. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the appropriate method for making any changes to the date certain or test period shall be the filing of a new notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates and withdrawal of the pending application. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the requests for waivers made by DEO be granted as set forth in Findings 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of the Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Schriber, Chairman

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