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 Approval of a General Exemption)	Case No. 07-1224-GA-EXM
of Certain Natural Gas Commodity Sales)	
Services or Ancillary Services.)	

<u>ENTRY</u>

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On April 8, 2005, The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) filed an application in Case No. 05-474-GA-ATA (05-474) requesting an exemption pursuant to Section 4929.04, Revised Code, and seeking approval of phase one of its plan to exit the merchant function. In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio for Approval of a Plan to Restructure Its Commodity Service Function. By Opinion and Order issued May 26, 2006, in 05-474, the Commission approved DEO's application, as modified by the stipulation filed in the case, to undertake phase one of its proposal to test alternative, market-based pricing of commodity sales.
- (2) On December 28, 2007, DEO filed an application in Case No. 07-1224-GA-EXM, pursuant to Section 4929.04, Revised Code, for approval of phase two of its plan to exit the merchant function and requesting a general exemption of certain natural gas commodity sales services or ancillary services contained in Chapters 4905, 4909, 4933, and 4935, Revised Code.
- (3) By entry issued January 30, 2008, the Commission concluded that DEO's application complies with the filing requirements and accepted the application as of December 28, 2007.
- (4) Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be observed in this proceeding:
 - (a) February 11, 2008 Any member of the public may file comments pursuant to Rule 4901:1-19-09(F), O.A.C.

- (b) February 12, 2008 A technical conference will be held at 1:30 p.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, hearing room E, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (c) March 10, 2008 Deadline for intervention.
- (d) March 13, 2008 Deadline for the service of discovery requests. Parties will respond to discovery requests within seven calendar days.
- (e) March 31, 2008 Deadline for the filing of intervenors' and staff's direct testimony.
- (f) April 1 and 3, 2008 Local public hearings will be held, as set forth below.
- (g) April 7, 2008 The evidentiary hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 11th floor, hearing room C.
- (5) Response times for motions will be as follows:
 - (a) Any party wishing to file a memorandum contra a pending motion must do so within four business days after service of a motion.
 - (b) Any party wishing to file a reply to a memorandum contra a pending motion must do so within three business days after service of the memorandum contra.
 - (c) The parties will serve motions by electronic means.
 - (d) Rule 4901-1-07, O.A.C., which provides an additional three days' time, where service is made by mail, will not apply.
- (6) Local public hearings will be held in this case to take testimony from the public regarding this application at the following locations:

Tuesday, April 1, 2008, 6:00 p.m. Youngstown City Hall 26 S. Phelps Street, 6th Floor Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Thursday, April 3, 2008, 12:30 p.m. Frank J. Lausche State Office Building 615 W. Superior Avenue, 2nd Floor Auditorium Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Thursday, April 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, Canton City Hall 218 Cleveland Avenue, SW, 1st Floor Canton, Ohio 44702

(7) DEO shall publish the following notice of the hearings, one time, at least seven days prior to the scheduled hearings in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which it provides service:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled hearings on the application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (Case No. 07-1224-GA-EXM) to eliminate its existing gas cost recovery mechanism so that, ultimately, the gas commodity is provided by competitive retail natural gas suppliers. Under its proposal, although competitive suppliers would be identified on individual customers' bills, DEO would continue to deliver the gas and be responsible for safety and service-related issues. Public hearings for the purpose of taking testimony from the public are scheduled:

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For additional information regarding this matter, contact the Commission at 1-800-686-7826, via TDD-TTY at 1-800-686-1570, or visit www.puco.ohio.gov.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule and deadlines set forth above be observed by the parties. It is, further,

ORDERED, That local hearings be scheduled as indicated in finding (6). It is, further,

ORDERED, That DEO publish the notice in finding (7) in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county of its service territory one time, at least seven days prior to the scheduled hearings. 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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