

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Pike)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an) Case No. 09-368-GA-UEx
Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense)
Rider Rate.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) By Finding and Order dated December 17, 2003, in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC (Order), the Commission approved, in concept, an application brought jointly by five natural gas companies that proposed to alter the method by which the five recover their uncollectible accounts expense. The Order provided discussion on several tangential issues and guidance as to implementation and reporting.
- (2) Pike Natural Gas Company (Pike) subsequently filed a similar application which was approved by Commission entry on January 26, 2005, in Case No. 04-1339-GA-UEx. Pike's initial uncollectible expense rider became effective in Case No. 05-824-GA-AIR at a rate of \$0.0787 per Mcf. On April 30, 2007, in Case No. 07-512-GA-UEx, Pike filed an application to revise its uncollectible expense rider rate from its initial rate of \$0.0787 per Mcf to \$0.0155 per Mcf, a reduction of \$0.0632 per Mcf. On April 30, 2008, in Case No. 08-561-GA-UEx, Pike filed an application seeking to maintain the rider rate at its then current rate of \$0.0155 per Mcf. The Commission approved both of Pike's applications.
- (3) On April 30, 2009, Pike filed the instant application to revise its current uncollectible expense rider rate. This application proposes to increase the rider rate to \$0.0597 per Mcf or an increase of \$0.0442 per Mcf. Staff has reviewed the application and, on May 18, 2009, filed its comments recommending approval of the proposed rider rate.

- (4) The Commission has reviewed the application and the Staff's filed comments and finds the application is reasonable and in the public interest and should be approved.
- (5) The Staff's comments also recommend that, in the next gas cost recovery financial audit for Pike in 2009, Staff should examine the monthly uncollectible expense balances and write-offs and recoveries for 2007 and 2008 and that any required adjustments or corrections be considered in Pike's 2010 UEX rider application. The Commission finds that these recommendations are reasonable and should be adopted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Pike is authorized to revise the rate for its uncollectible expense rider to \$0.0597 per Mcf. It is, further,

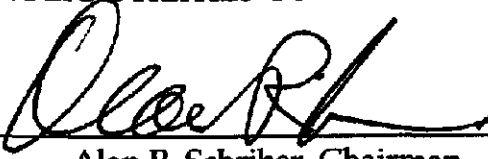
ORDERED, That Pike is authorized to file complete copies of tariffs in final form, consistent with this Entry. Pike shall file one copy in its TRF docket (or may make such filing electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR), and one copy in this case docket. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than both the date of this Entry and the date upon which final tariffs are filed with the Commission. The new tariffs shall be effective for services rendered on or after such effective date. It is, further,

ORDERED, That, in Pike's next gas cost recovery audit and next uncollectible expense rider application, Staff shall perform the reviews described in this Entry. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record in these proceedings.


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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