

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Pike)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an) Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT
Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a Revenue)
Decoupling Mechanism.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On May 1, 2009, Pike Natural Gas Company (Pike) filed an application for approval of an alternative rate plan proposing a revenue decoupling mechanism that provides for a straight fixed variable rate design, pursuant to Sections 4909.18, 4929.05, and 4929.051, Revised Code. In addition, Pike proposes the establishment of a demand side management program and a rider that would produce revenues for conservation projects in Pike's service territory.
- (2) By entry issued June 10, 2009, the Commission concluded that Pike's application complies with the filing requirements and accepted the application as of May 1, 2009.
- (3) Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be observed in this proceeding:
 - (a) June 22, 2009: Deadline for the filing of testimony in support of the application by Pike.
 - (b) June 24, 2009: Deadline for the filing of the Staff Report.
 - (c) July 23, 2009: A local public hearing will be held, as set forth below.
 - (d) July 24, 2009:
 - (i) Deadline for intervention.
 - (ii) Deadline for the filing objections to the Staff Report.

- (iii) Deadline for the filing of comments by members the public, consistent with Rule 4901:1-19-09(F), Ohio Administrative Code.
 - (e) August 3, 2009: Deadline for the filing of motions to strike objections to the Staff Report.
 - (f) August 17, 2009: Deadline for the service of discovery requests. Parties will respond to discovery requests within 10 calendar days.
 - (g) September 3, 2009: Deadline for the filing of intervenors' and Staff's direct testimony.
 - (h) September 9, 2009: The evidentiary hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, hearing room F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (4) A local public hearing will be held in this case, to take testimony from the public regarding this application, on Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Southern State Community College, 100 Hobart Dr., Room 103, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.
- (5) Pike shall publish the following notice of the local public hearing, one time, at least seven days prior to the scheduled hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which it provides service:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a hearing on the application of Pike Natural Gas Company (Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT) for approval of an alternative rate plan proposing a revenue decoupling mechanism, which provides for a straight fixed variable rate design and the establishment of a demand side management program and rider. A public hearing for the purpose of taking testimony from the public is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Southern State Community College, 100 Hobart Dr., Room 103,

Hillsboro, Ohio 45133. For additional information regarding this matter, contact the Commission at 1-800-686-7826, via 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 a local hearing be scheduled as indicated in finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That Pike publish the notice in finding (5) in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county of its service territory one time, at least seven days prior to the scheduled hearing. 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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