

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Eastern)
Natural Gas Company for Approval of an) Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT
Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a Revenue)
Decoupling Mechanism.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On May 1, 2009, Eastern Natural Gas Company (Eastern) 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, Eastern proposes the establishment of a demand side management program and a rider that would produce revenues for conservation projects in Eastern's service territory. Furthermore, Eastern proposes a main line replacement rider that would fund the construction costs for a systematic program to replace all bare steel in its distribution system, with such replacement being accelerated to the extent possible.
- (2) By entry issued June 10, 2009, the Commission concluded that Eastern'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 Eastern.
 - (b) June 24, 2009: Deadline for the filing of the Staff Report.
 - (c) July 20, 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 10, 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 Monday, July 20, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Brookfield High School Auditorium, 7000 Grove Street, Brookfield, Ohio 44403.
 - (5) Eastern 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 Eastern Natural Gas Company (Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT) for approval of an alternative rate plan proposing a revenue decoupling mechanism, which provides for a straight fixed variable rate design, the establishment of a demand side management program and rider, and a main line replacement rider. A public hearing for the

purpose of taking testimony from the public is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., at the Brookfield High School Auditorium, 7000 Grove Street, Brookfield, Ohio 44403. 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 Eastern 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.

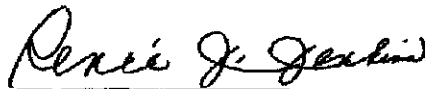
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