

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.)

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, Eastern Natural Gas Company (Eastern) and Pike Natural Gas Company (Pike) filed applications for approval of alternative rate plans proposing revenue decoupling mechanisms that provide for straight fixed variable rate designs, pursuant to Sections 4909.18, 4929.05, and 4929.051, Revised Code, in Case Nos. 08-940-GA-ALT and 08-941-GA-ALT, respectively. In addition, Pike and Eastern propose the establishment of demand side management programs and riders, and Eastern proposes a main line replacement rider.
- (2) By entries issued in these cases on June 16, 2009, the attorney examiner, *inter alia*, scheduled the evidentiary hearings for Pike and Eastern for September 9, and 10, 2009, respectively.
- (3) On September 4, 2009, Pike and Eastern filed a motion for continuance of the evidentiary hearings requesting that the hearings scheduled in these cases be continued and that a single hearing for both cases be scheduled for September 18, 2009. In support of the motion for continuance, Pike and Eastern state that the parties in these cases have reached agreements in concept and they are in the process of finalizing stipulations to be filed in these cases.
- (4) Upon consideration of the motion for continuance filed by Pike and Eastern, the attorney examiner finds that the request is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, the evidentiary

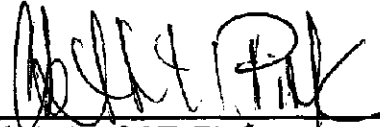
hearings in these cases should be consolidated and shall be held on September 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, hearing room F, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion for continuance filed by Pike and Eastern be granted as set forth in finding (4). 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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