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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

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

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Christine Pirik, Hearing Examiner, at the  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad  
Street, Room 11-F, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00  
a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2009.

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22 On behalf of the Staff.

23 Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy  
24 By Mr. David C. Rinebolt  
25 Ms. Colleen L. Mooney  
26 231 West Lima Street  
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28 On behalf of the Ohio Partners.

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Friday Morning Session,  
September 18, 2009.

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HEARING EXAMINER: Go on the record.

This case is in the matter of the application of Eastern Natural Gas Company for approval of an alternative rate plan proposing a revenue decoupling mechanism, Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT, and in the matter of the application of Pike Natural Gas Company for approval of an alternative rate plan proposing a revenue decoupling mechanism, Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT.

My name is Christine Pirik. I'm an attorney with the Public Utilities Commission and I've been assigned to hear in case.

At this time I will take appearances on behalf of the parties. On behalf of the company?

MR. HOWARD: Thank you, your Honor. Please, Commission, would you please have the record reflect the appearance of the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, 52 East Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, by M. Howard Petricoff and Stephen M. Howard, on behalf of the Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company. Thank you.

HEARING EXAMINER: On behalf of the

1 staff?

2 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. On  
3 before of the staff of the Ohio Public Utilities  
4 Commission, Richard Cordray, Ohio Attorney General,  
5 Duane Lucky, Section Chief, Werner Margard and Steve  
6 Reilly, Assistant Attorneys General, 180 East Broad  
7 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

8 HEARING EXAMINER: Mr. Sauer?

9 MR. SAUER: Thank you. On behalf of the  
10 residential customers of Pike and Eastern Natural Gas  
11 Company, the office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel,  
12 Janine Migden, Larry Sauer, Joseph P. Serio, 10 West  
13 Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Thank you.

14 HEARING EXAMINER: Ms. Mooney.

15 MS. MOONEY: Yes, on behalf of the Ohio  
16 Partners for Affordable Energy, David Rinebolt and  
17 Colleen Mooney, 231 West Lima Street, Findlay, Ohio  
18 45839.

19 HEARING EXAMINER: Yes, I believe the  
20 company has something that they would like to present  
21 on the record?

22 MR. HOWARD: Your Honor, yes, thank you.

23 The parties have been meeting in these  
24 cases and attempting to resolve the issues in this  
25 case and we need some additional time, so therefore

1 we would ask if the Attorney Examiner would make this  
2 a call and continue and continue this hearing until  
3 next Friday, which would be September 25, at  
4 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

5 HEARING EXAMINER: Thank you.

6 Are there any objections to the request  
7 of the company?

8 MR. SAUER: No objection, your Honor.

9 MR. REILLY: No objection.

10 HEARING EXAMINER: Hearing none, we will  
11 continue this hearing until next Friday, September 25  
12 at 10:00 a.m. And we will reconvene here on this  
13 floor at least at that time and date. I'm not sure  
14 what hearing room so you'll have to kind of look  
15 around for it.

16 That being all, this will conclude this  
17 morning's session.

18 MR. HOWARD: Thank you.

19 (Off the record.)

20 (Hearing concluded at 10:04 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Friday, September 18, 2009, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

\_\_\_\_s/Julianna Hennebert\_\_\_\_\_

Julieanna Hennebert, Registered Professional Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires February 19, 2013.

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