

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of       )  
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.    )  
to File Revised Tariffs Extending its     )  
Low-Income Pilot Program.                )

Case No. 10-1395-GA-ATA

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By opinion and order issued January 7, 2009, in *In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Amend its Filed Tariffs to Increase the Rates and Charges for Gas Services and Related Matters*, Case No. 07-1080-GA-AIR, et al., the Commission, *inter alia*, directed Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (Vectren) to implement a one-year low-income, low-use pilot program (pilot program) to assist low-income customers with low consumption levels in paying their natural gas bills. The pilot program provides a \$4.00 monthly discount for up to 5,000 income-eligible customers that are not enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan. The pilot program became effective on October 1, 2009, and was scheduled to expire on September 30, 2010.
- (2) On September 17, 2010, Vectren filed an application requesting approval of proposed revisions to its tariffs which would extend the pilot program past its initial one-year term until March 31, 2011. The Commission granted Vectren's application to extend the pilot program on September 29, 2010. The Commission also directed staff to review the pilot program and file its results with the Commission by October 29, 2010.
- (3) On October 29, 2010, staff filed the report of its review of the pilot program. Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that, in order to accomplish a review of the staff report, the following procedural schedule should be established:
  - (a) December 1, 2010 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
  - (b) December 1, 2010 – Deadline for the filing of comments on the pilot program.
  - (c) December 15, 2010 – Deadline for the filing of reply comments on the pilot program.

- (4) On October 14, 2010, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene in this case. In support of its motion, OCC asserts that it represents the interests of Vectren's natural gas customers. OCC avers that residential customers may be adversely affected by the Commission's review of the pilot program. Furthermore, OCC asserts that its participation will not cause undue delay, will not unjustly prejudice any existing party, and will contribute to the just and expeditious resolution of this matter. No memorandum contra was filed in opposition to this motion. The attorney examiner finds that OCC's motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.
- (5) On October 20, 2010, the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition (Edgemont) filed a motion to intervene in this case. In support of its motion, Edgemont represents that it is non-profit organization, based in a low-income area of Dayton, Ohio, where many of its members are Vectren customers who could be adversely affected by the outcome of this case. No memorandum contra was filed in opposition to this motion. The attorney examiner finds that Edgemont's motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.

It is, therefore,


ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (3) be adopted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the motions to intervene filed by OCC and Edgemont be granted. 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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Renee J. Jenkins  
Secretary