

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for) Case No. 11-2776-GA-RDR
Authority to Adjust its Distribution)
Replacement Rider Charges.)

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., (VEDO Rate Case) the Commission approved a stipulation that, *inter alia*, authorized Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO) to establish a Distribution Replacement Rider (DRR), allowing VEDO to recover and receive a return on investments made by the company during the accelerated implementation of a program to replace bare steel and cast iron pipelines. The stipulation approved in the *VEDO Rate Case* requires that VEDO file an application by May 1 each year, beginning in 2010, to establish the DRR to be effective on the following September 1 for the subsequent 12-month period. The stipulation further states that Staff will conduct an investigation of VEDO's application and shall issue a recommendation regarding the level of the DRR charge proposed in the application. If Staff finds, as part of its recommendation, that VEDO's application is unjust or unreasonable, or if any other party files an objection that is not resolved by VEDO, the stipulation provides that none of the parties, including VEDO, will object to a request for a hearing process in order to effectuate, to the extent possible and as long as consistent with there being full and reasonable discovery that provides for an expedited response time (i.e., ten days), the implementation of a successor DRR charge. In addition, the stipulation states that VEDO will not oppose a request by any party to conduct permissible discovery.
- (2) On April 29, 2011, VEDO filed its application in the instant case, requesting approval of its proposed DRR charge,

- (3) In order to accomplish the review of VEDO's proposed DRR charge, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
- (a) July 29, 2011 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) July 29, 2011 – Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the application.
 - (c) August 4, 2011 – Deadline for VEDO to file a statement, informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.
 - (d) In the event all of the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, or if the Commission deems the application may be unjust or unreasonable, a hearing will commence on August 11, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
 - (e) If a hearing is necessary, and some or all of the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such a stipulation with the Commission by 9:00 a.m. on August 10, 2011.

It is, therefore,

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