

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Vectren)
Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval) Case No. 12-530-GA-UNC
to Implement a Capital Expenditure)
Program.)

In the Matter of the Application of Vectren)
Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval) Case No. 12-531-GA-AAM
to Change Accounting Methods.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (Vectren) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and a natural gas company under Section 4905.03(A)(5), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On February 3, 2012, Vectren filed an application for authority to implement a capital expenditure program for the period of October 1, 2011, through December 31, 2012, pursuant to Sections 4909.18 and 4929.111, Revised Code. Additionally, Vectren seeks accounting authority to capitalize post-in-service carrying costs on program investments for assets placed in service but not yet reflected in rates; defer depreciation expense and property tax expense directly associated with the assets placed in service; and establish a regulatory asset to which post-in-service carrying costs, depreciation expense, and property tax expense will be deferred for recovery. According to the application, a cumulative investment of \$24.9 million is projected for Vectren's capital expenditure program. Vectren states that it is not requesting cost recovery as part of this application and that recovery of any approved deferrals will be requested in a separate proceeding, not more than once each calendar year. Vectren submits that approval of the application will not result in an increase in any rate or charge, and, therefore, that the application should be considered as an application not for an increase in rates under Section 4909.18, Revised Code.
- (3) On February 9, 2012, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene in these cases. In support of its motion,

OCC states that it represents the residential utility customers of Vectren and that these cases may adversely affect such customers' interests. OCC further submits that its participation will not unduly prolong or delay the proceedings and that its advocacy will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the issues. No party opposed OCC's motion. The attorney examiner finds that OCC's motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.

- (4) On February 13, 2012, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) filed a motion to intervene in these cases. In support of its motion, OPAE asserts that it is a nonprofit organization with a stated purpose of advocating for affordable energy policies for low and moderate income Ohioans, and that it provides energy assistance to low income customers of Vectren. Some of OPAE's member agencies are also customers of Vectren. OPAE asserts that the interests of its members may be directly impacted by these proceedings. Further, OPAE 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 these matters. No memorandum contra was filed in opposition to OPAE's motion. Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that OPAE's motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.
- (5) In order to assist the Commission in its review of Vectren's application, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
 - (a) April 9, 2012 - Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) April 16, 2012 - Deadline for the filing of comments on the application by Staff and intervenors.
 - (c) April 27, 2012 - Deadline for all parties to file reply comments.

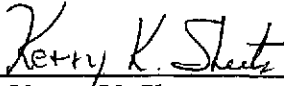
It is, therefore,


ORDERED, That the motions to intervene filed by OCC and OPAE be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (5) be adopted. It is, further,

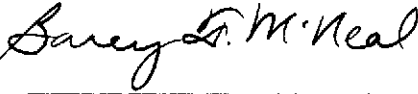
ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties and other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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