

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the 2011 Long-Term)
Forecast Report of Northeast Ohio Natural) Case No. 11-1376-GA-FOR
Gas Corporation and Related Matters.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) In pertinent part, Section 4935.04(C), Revised Code, requires that any person furnishing gas or natural gas directly to more than 15,000 customers shall file an annual long-term forecast report (LTFR). Rule 4901:5-3-01(B), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), mandates that any company that is subject to Section 4935.04, Revised Code, file its LTFR on or before June 1 of each year. Notwithstanding the June 1 deadline, Rule 4901:5-3-01(D), O.A.C., provides that the Commission may grant an extension of time for good cause shown. Northeast Ohio Gas Corporation (Northeast Ohio) is subject to Section 4935.04(C), Revised Code, and Rule 4901:5-3-01(B), O.A.C.
- (2) On March 21, 2011, Northeast Ohio filed a motion to extend the deadline to file its LTFR, which was due on June 1, 2011. The attorney examiner granted the motion by entry issued May 2, 2011.
- (3) On June 10, 2011, Northeast Ohio filed a second motion to extend the deadline to file its LTFR. Northeast Ohio requested that it be allowed to file its LTFR within 60 days after the Commission issues its finding and order in Case No. 10-209-GA-GCR. The attorney examiner granted the motion on July 13, 2011.
- (4) On February 13, 2012, Northeast Ohio filed a third motion to extend the deadline to file its LTFR. In its memorandum, Northeast Ohio explains that it could not have commenced the competitive bidding process, which was established by the stipulation adopted in Case No. 10-209-GA-GCR, until the Commission issued its entry nunc pro tunc on January 23, 2012.

The stipulation in Case No. 10-209-GA-GCR requires the design and implementation of a request for proposal process that will lead to the acceptance of bids that meet specific criteria. In its motion for an extension of time, Northeast Ohio requests that it be permitted to file its LTFR 30 days subsequent to the date of

acceptance of competitive bids for asset management and gas supply services. Northeast Ohio explains that a 30-day extension will allow the company to provide more informed estimates to support its forecast of supply and prices.

- (5) Northeast Ohio has shown good cause to extend the deadline to file its LTFR. However, the motion will not be granted as requested. Northeast Ohio requests that the filing of its LTFR be based upon the acceptance of bids for asset management and gas supply services. At this time, it is not known when the acceptance of bids will occur. Rather than base the motion for an extension of time upon an unknown contingency, the attorney examiner shall grant Northeast Ohio until August 13, 2012, to file either its LTFR or a motion for an additional extension of time that explains the steps that Northeast Ohio has taken toward filing its LTFR.


It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Northeast Ohio's motion for an extension of time is granted in accordance with Finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That Northeast Ohio file by August 13, 2012, either its LTFR or a motion for an additional extension of time that explains the steps it has taken toward filing its LTFR. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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