

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The)
East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a)
Dominion East Ohio to Adjust its Pipeline) Case No. 12-3125-GA-RDR
Infrastructure Replacement Program Cost)
Recovery Charge and Related Matters.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By opinion and order issued October 15, 2008, in *In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Authority to Increase Rates for its Gas Distribution Service*, Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR *et al.* (DEO Distribution Rate Case), the Commission, *inter alia*, approved the joint stipulation and recommendation (stipulation) filed by The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) and the other parties in the *DEO Distribution Rate Case*. Included in the stipulation approved by the Commission was a provision adopting, with some modifications, the Staff's recommendations set forth in the Staff Report filed in the *DEO Distribution Rate Case* on May 23, 2008. The Staff Report set forth procedures to be followed for the annual updates to DEO's pipeline infrastructure replacement (PIR) program cost recovery charge. Specifically, the process provided that DEO would file an annual application, beginning in August 2009, supporting an initial charge and subsequent adjustments to the PIR cost recovery charge. The application was to be based on the costs incurred for the fiscal year ending June 30 of the same year. DEO was directed to file a prefiling notice 90 days prior to filing its application. Staff and other parties then were given an opportunity to file comments, and DEO had until October 1 of each year to resolve the issues raised in the comments. If the issues raised in the comments were not resolved, then a hearing would be held. The goal of the process approved in the *DEO Distribution Rate Case* was for the proposed amendment to the PIR cost recovery rider to be effective in November.

- (2) By opinion and order issued August 3, 2011, in *In the Matter of the Application of the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Approval to Modify and Further Accelerate its Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement Program and to Recover the Associated Costs*, Case No. 11-2401-GA-ALT (11-2401), the Commission approved a stipulation and recommendation that modified DEO's PIR program. As part of the modified program, DEO would transition its PIR cost recovery charge filings from a fiscal-year basis to a calendar-year basis. To facilitate the transition, the process approved required DEO to submit a filing by February 28, 2012, with actual data for the period July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. The goal of the process was for the Commission to authorize a revised PIR charge to go into effect as of the first billing cycle in May 2012. Thereafter, DEO is to submit a prefiling notice by November 30 each year, and an updated filing with actual data by February 28, with the goal of the revised PIR charge becoming effective as of the first billing cycle in May of each year.
- (3) On February 28, 2013, DEO filed an application requesting an adjustment to its PIR cost recovery rider in accordance with the procedure approved in 11-2401 for costs incurred between January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012.
- (4) By entry issued March 5, 2013, the attorney examiner, *inter alia*, set the hearing in this matter to commence on April 10, 2013.
- (5) On April 8, 2013, DEO filed a motion for a continuance of the hearing. In its motion, DEO explains that it expects this case to be resolved via an unopposed stipulation, which will make the hearing in this matter very brief. Therefore, DEO requests that this hearing be continued to April 15, 2013, so that it occurs on the same day as another hearing in which DEO is the applicant. DEO further explains that having the hearings on the same day will avoid DEO's witness traveling to Commission offices on two separate dates. DEO certified that no party to this case opposes this request.

- (6) Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that DEO's request for a continuance of the hearing is reasonable and should be granted. Therefore, the hearing shall commence on April 15, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That DEO's request for a continuance of the hearing date is reasonable and should be granted in accordance with finding (6). It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Katie Stenman

By: Katie L. Stenman
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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants DEO's request for a continuance of the hearing date in accordance with finding (6). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Katie Stenman, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio