

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense)
Rider of Ohio Gas Company and Related) Case No. 13-311-GA-UEX
Matters.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- (2) Ohio Gas filed an application in *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Gas Company for Approval, Pursuant to Section 4929.11, Revised Code, of Tariffs to Recover Uncollectible Expenses Pursuant to an Automatic Adjustment Mechanism and for Such Accounting Authority as May Be Required to Defer Uncollectible Expenses for Future Recovery through Such Adjustment Mechanism*, Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEX, to establish its initial uncollectible expense (UEX) rider rate. That application was approved by the Commission on January 25, 2006. Since then, the Commission has approved seven subsequent Ohio Gas applications to adjust its UEX rider rate.
- (3) Ohio Gas' current UEX rider rate of (\$0.0056) per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by Finding and Order dated May 23, 2012, in *In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense Rider of Ohio Gas Company and Related Matters*, Case No. 12-311-GA-UEX.
- (4) On May 7, 2013, as amended on May 22, 2013, Ohio Gas filed an application to revise its current UEX rider rate. The proposed rate of (\$0.0200) per Mcf represents a decrease in the current UEX rider rate. According to Ohio Gas, the proposed rate is comprised of: the balance of deferred uncollectible expense net of recoveries as of March 31, 2013; and an estimate of net uncollectible accounts expense for the 12 months ending March 31, 2014.

- (5) On June 3, 2013, the staff of the Commission (Staff) filed comments on the proposed UEX rider adjustment and recommended that the adjustment be approved.
- (6) The Commission reviewed the application, as amended, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that the proposed decrease in the UEX rider rate is reasonable and in the public interest, and that it should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Ohio Gas' application, as amended, to decrease its UEX rider rate to (\$0.0200) per Mcf be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Ohio Gas be authorized to file two complete copies of tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Ohio Gas shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket (or may file electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR). It is, further,

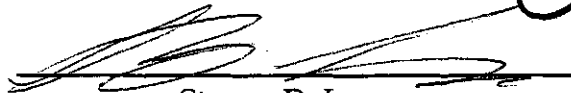
ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

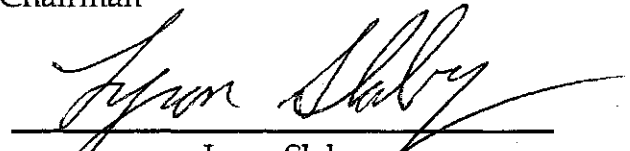
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any further proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

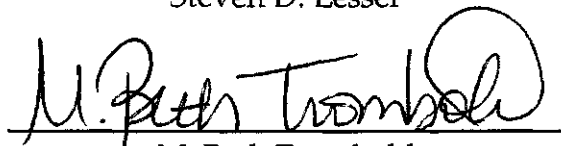
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman


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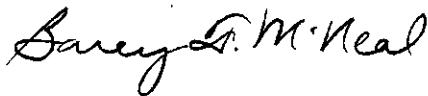

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