## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense ) Rider of The East Ohio Gas Company dba ) Dominion East Ohio and Related Matters. )

Case No. 14-319-GA-UEX

## FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio (DEO) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) By Finding and Order issued December 17, 2003, in *In re Application of The East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio et al.*, Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, the Commission approved the application of five natural gas companies, including DEO, to recover uncollectible accounts expenses (UEX) through riders.
- (3) DEO's current UEX rider rate of \$0.1683 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) was approved by Opinion and Order issued July 2, 2013, in *In re Uncollectible Expense Rider of the East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 13-319-GA-UEX.
- (4) On May 30, 2014, DEO filed an application to decrease its UEX rider rate to \$0.1113 per Mcf, a decrease of \$0.0570 per Mcf. The proposed rate consists of the following two components: the balance of deferred uncollectible-accounts expense, net of rider and customer recoveries and late-payment charges for the 12 months ending March 31, 2014, and an estimate of uncollectible-accounts expense, net of customer recoveries and late-payment charges for the 12 months ending for the 12 months ending March 31, 2014.
- (5) On June 6, 2014, Staff filed comments on DEO's application recommending approval of the proposed UEX rider rate.
- (6) The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that the proposed adjustment to DEO's UEX rider is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That DEO's application be approved and DEO be authorized to decrease the rate for its UEX rider to \$0.1113 per Mcf. It is, further,

ORDERED, That DEO is authorized to file two complete copies of tariffs in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. DEO shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. 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 DEO and upon all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Thomas W.Johnson, Chairman Lynn Slá Steven D. Lesser Asim Z. Haque M. Beth Trombold

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