

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense)
Rider of Ohio Gas Company and Related) Case No. 14-311-GA-UEx
Matters.)

In the Matter of the Percentage of Income) Case No. 14-411-GA-PIP
Payment Plan Rider of Ohio Gas Company.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas) is a gas or natural gas company as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility by reason of R.C. 4905.02. As such, Ohio Gas is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, in accordance with R.C. 4905.04 and 4905.05.
- (2) By Entry issued January 25, 2006, in *In re Ohio Gas Company*, Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEx, the Commission approved an application filed by Ohio Gas and authorized the company to implement an uncollectible expense (UEx) rider. In approving the UEx rider, the Commission required that the rider be audited.
- (3) Furthermore, the Commission has authorized the utility companies to recover percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) arrearages associated with providing natural gas service through their PIPP riders. See *In re Establishment of Recovery Method for Percentage of Income Payment Plan*, Case No. 87-244-GE-UNC, Finding and Order (Aug. 4, 1987).
- (4) On February 13, 2014, the Commission issued an Entry in these cases and initiated the audit for the UEx and PIPP riders of Ohio Gas. The UEx and PIPP audits were for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2013. Staff was directed to docket its audit findings for the UEx rider in Case No. 14-311-GA-UEx (*Ohio Gas 2014 UEx Case*) and its audit findings for the PIPP rider in Case No. 14-411-GA-PIP (*Ohio Gas 2014 PIPP Case*) by May 29, 2014.
- (5) On May 29, 2014, Staff filed its audit report of the UEx rider as directed by the Commission's February 13, 2014 Entry.

Overall, Staff had no recommendations concerning the audit of the UEX rider for Ohio Gas. Staff determined that Ohio Gas accurately applied the UEX rider rates and sales volumes for 2012 and 2013. Through company records, Staff confirmed that Ohio Gas transferred \$20,832.21 from its UEX account to the PIPP account in June 2012, as recommended by Staff in its 2012 audit report. Staff also confirmed that no PIPP accounts were transferred to the UEX account for recovery. As part of its audit, Staff verified the amounts for each component of the annual balance reconciliation calculations for Ohio Gas. To maintain classification of PIPP customers and to assure that write-offs of unpaid balances occur within the appropriate program, in the 2012 audit, Staff recommended Ohio Gas implement a tracking method. In this audit, Staff confirmed that Ohio Gas implemented a tracking method.

- (6) On May 29, 2014, Staff filed its audit report of the PIPP rider as directed by the Commission's February 13, 2014 Entry. This is Staff's first audit of the Ohio Gas PIPP rider. Staff concluded in its audit that Ohio Gas properly accounted for charge-offs and recoveries for 2012 and 2013. Staff also found that the company properly implemented the Commission approved arrearage forgiveness program. Staff, therefore, had no recommendations.
- (7) The Commission has reviewed the reports filed in these dockets by Staff and finds that Ohio Gas has accurately calculated its UEX and PIPP rider rates for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2013. Therefore, the Commission concludes that the findings of Staff, as set forth in the audit reports docketed in the *Ohio Gas 2013 UEX Case* and *Ohio Gas 2013 PIPP Case*, should be adopted by the Commission.

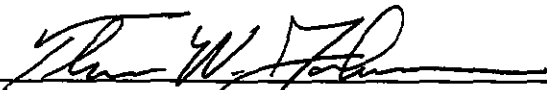
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the findings of Staff, set forth in the audit reports docketed in these cases, be adopted. If 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,

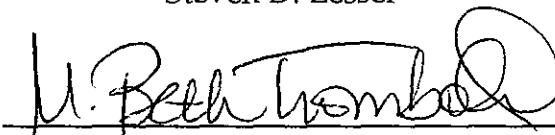
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties and interested persons of record in these proceedings.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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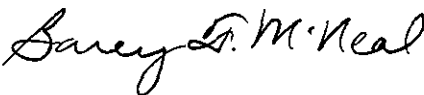

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