

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Regulation of the)
Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses,)
Uncollectible Expense Rider, Percentage of)
Income Payment Plan Rider, or Long-Term)
Forecast Report of:)

Eastern Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-207-GA-GCR
Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc.,) Case No. 14-210-GA-GCR
Pike Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-214-GA-GCR
Southeastern Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-215-GA-GCR
Waterville Gas and Oil Company,) Case No. 14-217-GA-GCR

Eastern Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-307-GA-UEX
Pike Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-314-GA-UEX
Waterville Gas and Oil Company,) Case No. 14-317-GA-UEX

Eastern Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-407-GA-PIP
Pike Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-414-GA-PIP
Southeastern Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-415-GA-PIP

Suburban Natural Gas Company,) Case No. 14-1700-GA-FOR

And Related Matters.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Eastern Natural Gas Company (Eastern), Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc. (Glenwood), Pike Natural Gas Company (Pike), Southeastern Natural Gas Company (Southeastern), Waterville Natural Gas Company (Waterville), and Suburban Natural Gas Company (Suburban) are natural gas companies and public utilities under R.C. 4905.02 and 4905.03 and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Each of these companies have less than 15,000 customers.

- (2) Initially, the Commission notes that, for purposes of administrative efficiency, the above-captioned cases have been consolidated into one Entry.
- (3) R.C. 4905.302(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07 and 4901:1-14-08 require that the Commission periodically conduct audits and hold hearings related to the gas cost recovery (GCR) rates utilized by the regulated natural gas companies. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07(A) provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the GCR audits shall be conducted annually. For gas companies with less than 15,000 customers, the Commission conducts GCR audits every two years.
- (4) Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-04 requires natural gas companies to file quarterly GCR reports with the Commission and permits companies to revise the expected gas cost component of the GCR report on a monthly basis.
- (5) In January 2014, the Commission opened GCR dockets in Case Nos. 14-207-GA-GCR, 14-210-GA-GCR, 14-214-GA-GCR, 14-215-GA-GCR, and 14-217-GA-GCR, for Eastern, Glenwood, Pike, Southeastern, and Waterville, respectively. While the Commission did not audit those companies' GCR in 2014, these dockets were initiated in order to receive the involved companies' quarterly and monthly GCR reports, detailing adjustments made for purchasing gas to the costs recovered from customers.
- (6) The Commission finds that the sole purpose of the cases listed in Finding (5) was for the filing of the involved companies' 2014 GCR reports. Therefore, at this time, we find that the cases listed in Finding (5) should be closed of record and the audits for those companies' 2014 GCR mechanisms should be conducted in subsequent cases.
- (7) R.C. 4929.11 authorizes the Commission to allow any automatic adjustment mechanism or device in a natural gas company's rate schedules that allows a company's rates or charges for a regulated service or goods to fluctuate automatically with changes in the specified cost or costs.


- (8) Consistent with R.C. 4929.11, the Commission authorized the recovery of uncollectible expenses (UEX) for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville through riders. In approving the UEX riders for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville, the Commission required that the riders be audited in the course of the GCR audits of Eastern, Pike, and Waterville.
- (9) As noted above, the Commission did not initiate audits concerning the GCR rates for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville. Consequently, the UEX riders for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville also were not audited during 2014 and, therefore, Case Nos. 14-307-GA-UEX, 14-314-GA-UEX, and 14-317-GA-UEX do not need to remain open and they should be closed of record.
- (10) The Commission also authorized the recovery of Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) arrearages associated with providing natural gas service through a PIPP rider. *In re Recovery Method for Percentage of Income Payment Plan Arrearages*, Case No. 87-244-GE-UNC, Finding and Order (Aug. 4, 1987). These riders are to be audited in the course of the GCR audits.
- (11) The Commission did not initiate an audit concerning the PIPP rider for Eastern, Pike, and Southeastern. Therefore, Case Nos. 14-407-GA-PIP, 14-414-GA-PIP, and 14-415-GA-PIPP do not need to remain open and should be closed of record.
- (12) R.C. 4935.04(C) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:5-1-02 require the filing of a long-term forecast report (LTFR) by each entity furnishing gas or natural gas directly to more than 15,000 customers within Ohio. Case No. 14-1700-GA-FOR was initiated so that Suburban could file its LTFR. At this time, in that Suburban has filed its LTFR and the Commission finds that no further action is needed in this docket, we now find that Case No. 14-1700-GA-FOR does not need to remain open and this case should be closed of record.

It is, therefore,

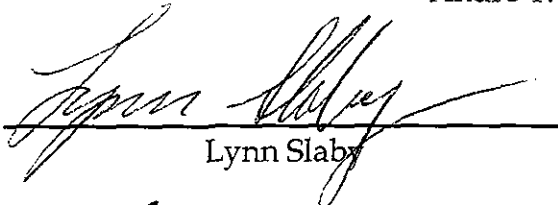
ORDERED, That Case Nos. 14-207-GA-GCR, 14-210-GA-GCR, 14-214-GA-GCR, 14-215-GA-GCR, 14-217-GA-GCR, 14-307-GA-UEX, 14-314-GA-UEX, 14-317-GA-UEX, 14-407-GA-PIP, 14-414-GA-PIP, 14-415-GA-PIP, and 14-1700-GA-FOR be closed as a matter of record. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record in these cases.

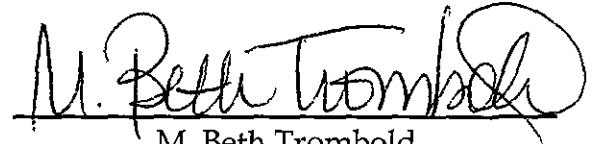
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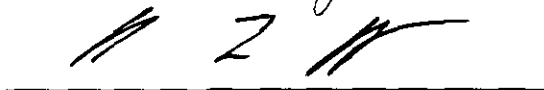
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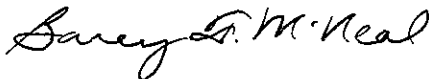


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