

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Regulation of the )  
Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses )  
Contained Within the Rate Schedules of: )  
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Eastern Natural Gas Company ) Case No. 15-207-GA-GCR  
Pike Natural Gas Company ) Case No. 15-214-GA-GCR  
Southeastern Natural Gas Company and ) Case No. 15-215-GA-GCR  
Related Matters. )  
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In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense )  
Riders of: )  
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Eastern Natural Gas Company ) Case No. 15-307-GA-UEx  
Pike Natural Gas Company and Related ) Case No. 15-314-GA-UEx  
Matters. )  
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In the Matter of the Percentage of Income )  
Payment Plan Riders of: )  
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Eastern Natural Gas Company ) Case No. 15-407-GA-PIP  
Pike Natural Gas Company ) Case No. 15-414-GA-PIP  
Southeastern Natural Gas Company and ) Case No. 15-415-GA-PIP  
Related Matters. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By Entry issued February 19, 2015, the Commission established a procedural schedule in these cases that ordered the filing of audits, direct testimony, dates for hearings, and legal notice requirements.
- (2) On November 5, 2015, Staff filed a motion to extend the time to file its audit report in the above gas cost recovery (GCR) cases. The attorney examiner granted the motion by Entry issued November 24, 2015. The attorney examiner rescheduled the hearing date from January 19, 2016, to February 24, 2016.
- (3) Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) specifies the requirement for notice of a GCR hearing, which each natural gas company should cause to be published between 15 and 30 days prior to

the date set for its hearing. The notice may be provided by publication of a display ad in a newspaper in a section other than the legal notice section, bill message, bill insert, or direct mailing to the customers.

- (4) On January 8, 2016, Eastern Natural Gas Company, Pike Natural Gas Company, and Southeastern Natural Gas Company (the Companies) filed a motion for partial waiver from Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C). Noting that they need to submit bills by mid-January due to previously scheduled financial audits during the latter part of January, the Companies request that they be permitted to notify customers by bill message or bill insert approximately 42 days prior to the GCR hearing. The Companies believe they have stated good cause for a waiver and that little, if any, prejudice will occur by giving customers more advanced notice of the hearing. Because of the proximity of the notice deadline, the Companies also request an expedited ruling. The Companies note that Staff does not object to the Companies' request.
- (5) The attorney examiner finds that the Companies have stated good cause and that the requested waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) should be granted. The Companies may notify customers of the GCR hearing via bill message or bill insert included with bills issued in mid-January 2016. However, to ensure that customers have sufficient notice, the Companies should also provide notice of the hearing via bill message or bill insert included with bills issued in February 2016.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion for waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) be granted. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/L. Douglas Jennings

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By: L. Douglas Jennings  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motion for partial waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of L. Douglas Jennings, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio