

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a)
Dominion East Ohio for Approval of an) Case No. 15-362-GA-ALT
Alternative Form of Regulation to Extend)
and Increase its Pipeline Infrastructure)
Replacement Program.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a/ Dominion East Ohio (Dominion) is a natural gas company as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On February 19, 2015, Dominion filed a notice of intent to file an application for approval of an alternative rate plan under R.C. 4929.05.
- (3) On March 31, 2015, Dominion filed its application, along with supporting exhibits, pursuant to R.C. 4929.05, 4929.051(B), 4929.11, and 4909.18. In its application, Dominion states that it seeks to continue, with several limited modifications, its pipeline infrastructure replacement (PIR) program and associated cost recovery charge previously approved by the Commission in *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case Nos. 08-169-GA-ALT and 07-829-GA-AIR, and subsequently modified in *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 11-2401-GA-ALT. Dominion asserts that its application should be considered an application not for an increase in rates.
- (4) On April 23, 2015, Staff filed a letter reflecting that Dominion's application was in substantial compliance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-06.
- (5) By Entry issued June 23, 2015, the attorney examiner, among other things, granted motions to intervene filed by Industrial Energy Users-Ohio (IEU-Ohio), Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE).

Additionally, the attorney examiner set the deadline for the filing of motions to intervene for July 6, 2015, the deadline for the filing of comments by intervenors for July 13, 2015, and the deadline for the filing of reply comments by Dominion and intervenors for July 27, 2015. Further, the attorney examiner set the deadline for the filing of the Staff Report for August 26, 2015, and the deadline for the filing of objections to the Staff Report for September 25, 2015.

- (6) OCC filed comments on July 13, 2015. Dominion filed reply comments on July 27, 2015.
- (7) Thereafter, on August 26, 2015, Staff filed its report. OPAE, OCC, and Dominion filed objections to the Staff Report on September 25, 2015.
- (8) By Entry issued November 10, 2015, the attorney examiner found that, in light of the issues raised in the comments, reply comments, and objections to the Staff Report, the matter should be set for hearing on February 8, 2016. Further, the attorney examiner established January 14, 2016, as the deadline for the filing of supplemental testimony on behalf of Dominion, and January 28, 2016, as the deadline for the filing of testimony on behalf of Staff and intervenors.
- (9) On January 13, 2016, Dominion filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule. In its motion, Dominion asserts that the parties had been attempting to negotiate a settlement and stipulation; however, the parties reached an impasse. Dominion contends that, to provide sufficient time for the parties to complete supplemental testimony and prepare for a hearing, additional time of approximately one week is needed. Further, Dominion requests expedited treatment and states that neither Staff nor the intervening parties objects to the motion to amend the procedural schedule.
- (10) The attorney examiner finds that Dominion's motion to amend the procedural schedule is reasonable and should be granted. Consequently, the attorney examiner finds that the procedural schedule shall be modified as follows:
 - (a) January 21, 2016 - Deadline for the filing of supplemental testimony on behalf of Dominion.

- (b) February 4, 2016 - Deadline for the filing of testimony on behalf of Staff and intervenors.
 - (c) February 16, 2016 - The evidentiary hearing shall commence at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio.
- (11) In the event Dominion comes to an agreement with some or all of the parties in this case on some or all of the facts or issues in this case, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set forth a schedule for the filing of such stipulations prior to the commencement of the hearing in this case. Accordingly, Dominion must file any applicable stipulation before 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2016.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Dominion's motion to amend the procedural schedule is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule be modified as set forth in Findings (10) and (11). It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Mandy W. Chiles

By: Mandy Willey Chiles
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Dominion's motion to amend the procedural schedule and request for expedited treatment. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Mandy Willey Chiles, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio