

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Waterville Gas & Oil Company for) Case No. 15-1551-GA-ATA
Approval of Revisions to Certain)
Portions of the Company's Tariff.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Waterville Gas & Oil Company (Waterville) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.
- (3) Additionally, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-02(J) provides that no tariff of a gas or natural gas company shall incorporate exculpatory clauses that purport to limit or eliminate liability on the part of the gas or natural gas company to its customers or others as a result of its own negligence when providing a regulated service. Further, no gas or natural gas company tariff shall incorporate provisions which purport to establish liability on the part of the gas or natural gas company's customers for acts or failures to act involving a gas or natural gas company's facilities, which are beyond the control of the customer. Finally, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-02(J) states that any contrary provisions in a gas or natural gas company's tariff on file with the Commission shall be eliminated.

- (4) On September 2, 2015, Waterville filed proposed tariffs to align its procedures with the minimum gas service standards contained in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-13. Thereafter, on November 10, 2015, Waterville filed an amended application to revise its tariffs, in order to incorporate recommended changes from the Commission's Staff. Waterville's proposed tariffs reflect changes in the customer's responsibility section to clarify that customers are responsible for their use of the property and installed appliances on the customer side of the point of delivery, which is in the control of the customer.
- (5) The Commission finds that Waterville's application to revise its tariffs, as amended, does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should be approved. The Commission notes that no party filed comments or motions to intervene in response to Waterville's application to revise its tariffs. Finally, consistent with R.C. 4909.18, the Commission finds that no hearing is required in this case.

ORDERED, That Waterville's application to update its tariffs, as amended on November 10, 2015, be approved. It is, further,

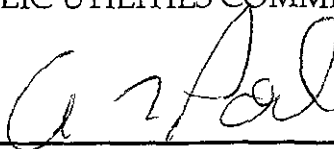
ORDERED, That Waterville be authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Waterville shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

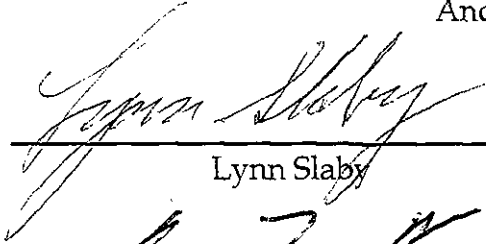
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served on all parties and interested persons of record.

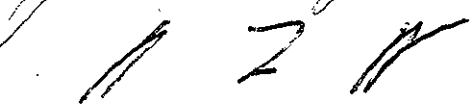
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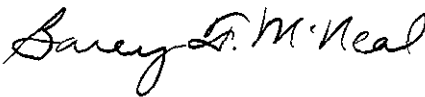


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